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AND NOW, FOR THE WORLD CUP!

BY LOU GAUTIER

AUSTRALIA's first foray into the Olympic Soccer arena since 1956 was an unqualified success.

Forget about the "diabolical" refereeing which presented the Soviet Union with two

penalties in the space of three minutes: reaching the last eight of a major competition in such

exalted company is a tremendous achievement we can all be proud of.

Respect is the most important thing the Socceroos will bring back from Seoul.

The team has shown the sceptics here and

overseas that Australian Soccer does exist and that we were forgotten too quickly after the 1974 World Cup.

No-one realistically could have anticipated a berth in the quarter-finals at the expense of a

world power of the calibre of Yugoslavia.

The Socceroos may have "only" equalled the record of their Melbourne predecessors, but no comparison is possible between 1956 and 1988.

Thirty-two years ago, a mere 11 countries competed: only the USSR, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia were of any note.

Australia then only had to beat Japan to reach the quarter-finals where India bundled us out 4-2.

This time, with the distinction between amateurs and professionals blurred, the elite of world Soccer was represented in strength and the standard was immeasurably higher.

Australia can take pride in the fact that the Socceroos did best of all the so-called "minnows"

at the Olympics.

Zambia, the other surprise quarter-finalists, received far more publicity for their flamboyant football but they were annihilated by West Germany 4-0.

The stuffing was only cruelly knocked out of Australia after 50 full minutes and the 3-0 defeat had to be endured with only 10 men in the last 20 minutes.

The Olympics are dead. Long live the World Cup!

The Socceroos will have precious little time to rest on their laurels as the preliminary elimination tie against Fiji is just around the corner — on November 26 and December 3 — and they have warm-up Trans Tasman Cup games against New Zealand beforehand.

And then there will be

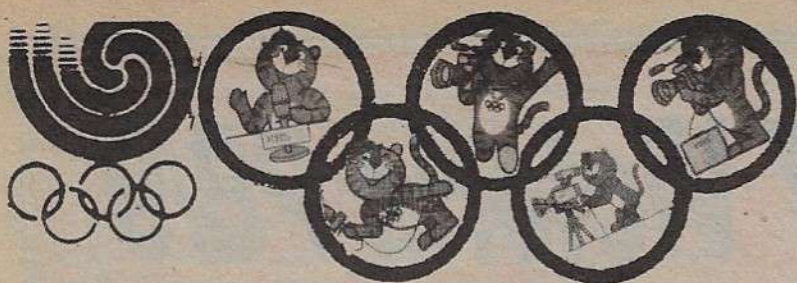
the traditional challenges from Israel and New Zealand in March and April.

And if that wasn't enough, the marathon will continue well into 1989 as the Aussies will have to contend with a South American team, probably Colombia, if they dispose of their regional rivals.

It will be very, very tough for Frank Arok's Socceroos to repeat the feat of their 1974 predecessors, especially if more national team regulars are lost to Europe. THE Socceroos will have a welcome break in Seoul.

They will have eight days for sightseeing and following the balance of the Olympic Games right on the spot, before returning on the charter plane to Australia on Tuesday October 4.

• The past three years have proved the most exciting in the history of Australia's Socceroos. Now we are set to enter a fascinating new era on the international scene, where the Green and Golds will be able to call on the invaluable experience gained during success against the likes of; from left, Red Star Belgrade (won 4-0 at St George Stadium), Scotland (0-0 at Olympic Park) and Argentina (won 4-1 at the Sydney Football Stadium).



Australia 0 Brazil 3

Romario magic stuns Socceroos

FROM PHIL MARTIN

Yugoslavia wins one

TAEJON — Yugoslavia salvaged some self-respect by downing Nigeria 3-1 in their second Group D outing.

Most encouraging for Yugoslavia 48 hours after their shock loss to the Socceroos was the sparkling form of playmaker Dragan Stojkovic, so disappointing against the Aussies.

Stojkovic, who plays for Red Star Belgrade, not only dominated the midfield but also scored two goals — a penalty in the 35th minute and a 25-metre screamer in the 67th.

After leading 1-0 at the interval, Refik Sabanadzovic sealed the game for the Yugoslavs with a 49th minute goal laid on by the ubiquitous Stojkovic, the man of the match.

Yugoslavia paid the penalty for losing concentration towards the end when Nigeria sneaked a consolation goal home through Rachidi Yekini in the 88th minute.

ZAMBIAN CAKEWALK

KWANGJU — Zambia continued to bang in the goals, defeating Guatemala with the same scoreline as Italy — 4-0.

Hats off to the gallant Central Americans for holding the sensation of the tournament scoreless for 53 minutes.

Zambia had to wait until then to open their account through Derby Makinka. They went ahead by two goals in the 79th minute, but only with a hotly disputed penalty on ace goalgetter Kalusha Bwalya, who converted himself.

There was no stopping the effervescent Africans now.

Inspired by midfielder Johnny Musonda, who is rated by Anderlecht coach Raymond Goethals as the Belgian club's "discovery of the season", they added two more within three minutes.

Bwalya and Makinka netted their second goals in the 82nd and 84th minutes respectively to seal Zambia's first place in the group — an astonishing, but totally deserved achievement.

SEOUL — Maradona move-alike Romario nailed Australia's coffin with a superb hat-trick last Tuesday at Dongdaemon Stadium.

Australia, however, need not feel too depressed about the three-goal defeat. Few teams would have resisted any better on the night, such was the brilliance of Brazil.

The Aussies couldn't say they had not been warned. Everyone knew Romario would be the danger man for Brazil, but few anticipated the starring role he would assume.

Just ask Robbie Dunn, whose unenviable task it was to mark Romario who all but turned the Socceroo defender inside out.

Australia started the game well enough and withstood Brazil's early pressure with strong, clean tackles and were holding their own.

Oliver, however, had to stretch full-length to save a fierce 30-metre drive by Edmar after Graham Arnold and David Mitchell had tested Taffarel at the other end.

Romario struck in the 19th minute for the first of his three goals. And what a goal it was!

Brazilian captain Geovani (Ricardo, the skipper in the Bicentennial Gold Cup, has yet to be seen in Korea) laid through a beautifully-placed ball which Romario danced on to and started threading down the left flank while the Australian defence, slow to recognise the danger, ambled back.

Dunn, covering elsewhere, left him unchecked for a moment — a fatal mistake. Before Dunn and three other defenders had the chance to recover, Romario cracked a left-footer past the diving goalie for one of the best goals seen so far in the tournament.

The stupendous goal shattered Australia's composure. They were badly rattled and Brazil came close to scoring again in the next 10 minutes.

To their credit, however, they recovered and were full of running in the last minutes of the first period. Arnold came very close

to equalising when his fierce shot forced a miraculous save from Taffarel in the 35th minute.

A minute later, the Brazilian goalie performed more heroics to clear Paul Wade's half volley.

But it was Oliver who covered himself with glory by acrobatically palming a blazing Edmar drive over the bar in the 39th minute.

Dave Mitchell and Ademir were yellow-carded right on half-time. Farina had copped his earlier in a very harsh decision.

Down 1-0 at half-time, the Socceroos were not out of it.

Farina had a chance for the equaliser in the 47th minute when Mike Petersen put him clear with only Taffarel in the path of an angled shot, but he hit the side netting with his shot.

This was the turning point of the match because Brazil sealed a most convincing victory with 56th and 59th minute goals.

First, Romario pounced on a perfect cross from Milton to steer the ball past Oliver, then Romario completed his hat-trick in almost similar fashion, but this time it was Luis Carlos who supplied the pass.

With the Socceroos all at sea, Romario almost scored again 90 seconds later when he was brought down by Oliver and awarded a clear-cut penalty.

His spotkick crashed into the net but West German referee Karl-Heinz Tritzschler ordered it retaken, claiming the Brazilian had sold the goalie a dummy before kicking the ball. Penalty specialist Oliver brilliantly saved the second attempt.

Oliver was one of the very best Australians. He was blameless on all three goals and stopped two cracking shots apart from the penalty.

Despite two substitutions — Gary Egmond (his international debut)



Bogeyman Romario in action against Australia during the Bicentennial Gold Cup in July.

for Dunn and Robbie Slater for Farina — the Australians were unable to score a consolation goal as Brazil cruised to a most impressive victory which stamps them more than ever as the gold medal favourites.

Australia were beaten by a far more skilful team. It was as simple as that.

They have nothing to be ashamed of and were only superior to Brazil in one department — in the air.

AUSTRALIA: Oliver, Davidson, Yankos, Dunn (van Egmond), Jennings, Wade, Petersen, Crino, Farina (Slater), Arnold, Mitchell.
Referee: K.H. Tritzschler.
Crowd: 17,000.

AROK'S ALIBI

FRANK Arok blamed the strict policing of heavy body checking in the National Soccer League for contributing to Australia's loss to Brazil.

The Australians were thwarted by a more skilful team which sensibly directed its play towards goal-scoring maestro Romario, yet the scoreline might have read a little less unflatteringly if the Socceroos had not observed all the "niceties" of the game, according to Arok.

"We have been conditioned over the years, because of the NSL's strict disciplinary policy, to play without any real body checking," he said.

"Every time we went close to their goal, the Brazilians would bring us down, but did we do the same? No!

"There was a big difference in class," admitted Arok. "They are a very classy outfit and they were by far the better team on the day."

Rent a crowd!

ONE of the most striking features of the first week of Olympic competition has been the small Soccer crowds.

In sharp contrast to Los Angeles four years ago, attendances at all the South Korean venues have been disappointing.

Not a single preliminary round game attracted a full house.

Soccer, in 1984, attracted a total of 1.4 million spectators, more than any other sport.

South Korea will be lucky to get a third of that if what we've seen so far is any indication.

None of the stadiums' capacities have yet been tested.

Most grounds have only been a third or half filled, with attendances of 10,000 to 15,000 the norm.

Crowds would even be smaller if it wasn't for specially selected spectators who are bussed to the venues by the organisers.

The rent-a-crowd is given flags of the two competing teams to wave and they are also seated in different sections and told to cheer for a particular team.

They know very little about Soccer and yell at the wrong time, or just sit impassively.

The 1988 Olympic tournament may be producing the best Soccer ever, but it certainly is not being matched by the atmosphere, or lack of it, prevailing to date.

LOU GAUTIER

ITALY THROUGH

SEOUL — Italy sweated blood to qualify for the quarter-finals and had to wait almost an hour to score against Iraq before running out 2-0 victors in Group B.

Not unexpectedly, there were several changes from the team hammered by Zambia 48 hours earlier.

New faces included AS Roma striker Ruggiero Rizzitelli and Juventus star Massimo Mauro, both of whom scored — the former in the 58th minute, and Mauro in the 63rd.

It was a very tough match, with the Iraqis, who only needed a draw to pull through, fighting every inch of the way.

The Italians were under intense pressure and they did show character to put their Zambian nightmare behind them to finish the preliminary round on a much more positive note.

Respect lacking

AUSTRALIA certainly got no respect whatsoever at the Games.

FIFA and local officials were so certain Yugoslavia would accompany Brazil into the quarter-finals that they were overheard loudly discussing what travel arrangements would need to be made for Yugoslavia to get to Pusan!

Australia is even misspelt "Austrialia" all the way through the match table to the official Seoul Olympic Organising Committee Soccer handbook!

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Paul Wade had his thumb X-rayed shortly after last Thursday's victory over Nigeria, and the concern was that ligament had detached from the bone and that he might require a pinning operation to repair the damage.

Although Wade's thumb was immobilised, the problem wasn't all that bad and Wade insisted he would be right to play against the Soviets.

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Security is so tight that even accredited journalists and the electronic media can't get close to the competitors, making pre and post-match interviews nigh-impossible.

Consequently, Mike Hill, the SBS man covering the Soccer for the TEN Network (and what a scandalous botch-up they made of the first three games) wasn't able to make any personal contact at all with the Socceroo contingent.

He was compelled to call the four games off a monitor in Seoul from the network's headquarters.

All ABC Radio commentators, however, were on the spot to bring live coverage of all games in their entirety — even if it meant long train journeys.

Hats off to the ABC!

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Kossie's Golden Comeback

PHIL MARTIN reports

SEOUL— Dongdaemon Stadium again proved a very happy stamping ground for Australian Soccer. In November 1973, the Socceroos kept their World Cup hopes alive there.

Now, 15 years later, it was the setting for the finest moment in Australian Soccer as the national team forced its way into the Olympic quarter-finals.

Appropriately, it was John Kosmina, the embodiment of so many of Australian Soccer's virtues, who got them there.

In his 101st international, the 32-year-old former Socceroo skipper scored his 25th goal in a full international, and there never was a more important one.

And what a beauty it was too! It was worth the nail-biting 76-minute wait.

The Australians certainly took their time to translate their clear-cut superiority over a Nigerian team that doesn't even come close to matching Zambia, despite their far superior record in African Soccer.

They had their fans squirming as the ball just

wouldn't fall kindly for them in front of goal. They did everything but score as the Nigerian goal had a charmed life.

Kosmina, a replacement for the injured Frank Farina, was in the thick of most attacks as was David Mitchell.

Both were dreadfully unlucky to either hit the woodwork, miss by centimetres, or have their shots saved by acrobatic goalkeeper David Ngodigha.

Although a draw would have seen Australia through, the Aussies were hell-bent on posting a win, and win they did!

The goal that clinched it was started by Mitchell. The Feyenoord striker broke clear down the left and almost tested the Nigerian goalkeeper himself.

Unselfishness won out, however, and he laid on a beautiful pass to Kosmina, who was some 30 metres from the goal.

The veteran feinted twice with unerring coolness, then slammed home an unstoppable left-footed drive from 20 metres to the right of the keeper.

The Australian bench exploded. Frank Arok, whose bold gamble had given Kosmina a chance he must have thought was gone forever, sank to his knees, clutching his hands to his chest while the Australians in the small crowd of 12,500

waved their flags.

The first half was much more even than the second when Australia were well on top.

The Nigerians' unorthodox style and the height of their players, all very tall, enabled them to easily counter Australia in the air.

Some of their fast breakaways were also dangerous but, luckily for us, their shooting was quite woeful.

Jeff Olver, however, had to pull off a sensational save in the 25th minute from a 35-metre corner by the Nigerian captain Okpala.

Obiku, Siasia and the dreadlocked Ruud Gullit look-alike Okwarji showed deft touches in the first half as they

moved towards the Australian goal, but their shots either sailed over Olver's bar or were misdirected.

Mitchell had a great chance in the 34th minute when the Nigerian defence had to scramble to clear his header and Kosmina didn't miss by much two minutes later.

Australia's best chance of the half came three minutes before the interval when Mitchell's cross found the head of Paul Wade.

It took an acrobatically sensational save by Ngodigha to deny Australia their first goal.

The Socceroos came out firing — and Arok yelling — in the second half.

We created chances galore as Charlie Yankos



blasted a freekick just wide. We then were treated to the spectacle of Australian after Australian contriving to do everything but score.

Kosmina had two chances in the 54th and 59th minutes; Mitchell hit the post in the 50th after evading three defenders, and Crino's dribbles were driving the Nigerians nuts.

After Kosmina's goal the Nigerians threw everything into attack for the equaliser. Okpala and Okwarji had long-range shots which Olver had to scramble to save.

Only a near-miraculous clearance off the line by Gary van Egmond, who played instead of Mike Petersen in his first full international for Australia, saved our skins.

Otherwise, the Australian defence had little to do, which didn't prevent Robbie Dunn copping a bad gash on the forehead after a clash of heads with Siasia. He was replaced by St George skipper Andy Koczka.

The Australians never lost their concentration in the final minutes and a Nigeria win was never on.

Alan Davidson had another top-notch game and he must rate as our best player although, as against Yugoslavia, it was a splendid team effort. One for all and all for one.

In Gary van Egmond, we have a real find — cool, calm and collected beyond his years, and a most uncompromising marker to boot.

And, of course, there was "Kossie"...

Arok's decision to revert to his well-proven 1985 World Cup tactical formation paid huge dividends.

Arok played with a sweeper (Yankos), two centre backs (Dunn and van Egmond), with Davidson and Jennings in front of them to complete the back four.

Crino and Wade occupied the midfield; Arnold did the "fetch-and-carry" work while Mitchell and Kosmina were resolutely forward.

AUSTRALIA: Olver, Davidson, Yankos, Dunn (Koczka), Jennings, Wade, van Egmond, Crino, Kosmina (Ollerenshaw), Arnold, Mitchell.

Referee: M. Listkiewicz.

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Round 1 Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA achieved what 115 countries set out to do 18 months ago — qualify for the quarter-finals of the Olympic tournament.

Despite surprise results in the early matches, when it came to the final crunch, only Australia and Zambia, from the "minnows", made it to the last eight.

And look at the distinguished company the Socceroos find themselves in!

West Germany, Sweden, the USSR, Brazil, Argentina and Italy are all amongst Soccer's elite — and then some.

To reach the second round at the expense of Yugoslavia is a stunning achievement, even if Australia is the only country which takes a negative goal-difference into the quarter-finals.

But statistics cannot begin to tell the tale of the Socceroos' spine-tingling saga.

If a gold medal was awarded for sheer determination, pride and never-say-die effort, it would belong to Australia. Nothing is more certain.

The preliminary round scoreboard looks like this:

GROUP A

WEST GERMANY 3 (Mill, Wuttke) CHINA 0; SWEDEN 2 (Thern, Hellstrom) TUNISIA 2 (Dhieb, Maalouf); WEST GERMANY 4 (Grahammer, Fach, Mill, Wuttke) TUNISIA 1 (Maalouf); SWEDEN 2 (Lonn, Hellstrom) CHINA 0; SWEDEN 2 (Engqvist, Lonn) WEST GERMANY 1 (Walter); TUNISIA 0 CHINA 0.

STANDINGS: 1 SWEDEN 5 pts, 2 WEST GERMANY 4, 3 Tunisia 2, 4 China 1.

GROUP B

ZAMBIA 2 (Nylrenda, K.Bwalya) IRAQ 2 (Rahdl, Alawi); ITALY 5 (Camevale, Evani, Virdis, Ferrara, Desideri) GUATEMALA 2 (Mendez, Paniagua); ZAMBIA 4 (K.Bwalya 3, J.Bwalya) ITALY 0; IRAQ 3 (Rahdl, Taufek, Morales own goal) GUATEMALA 0; ZAMBIA 4 (K.Bwalya 2, Makinka 2) GUATEMALA 0, ITALY 2 (Rizzitelli, Mauro) IRAQ 0.

STANDINGS: 1 ZAMBIA 5 pts, 2 ITALY 4, 3 Iraq 3, 4 Guatemala 0

GROUP C

ARGENTINA 1 (Moreno) USA 1 (Windischmann); SOUTH KOREA 0 USSR 0; USSR 2 (Dobrovolsky, Mikhailitchenko) ARGENTINA 1 (Moreno); SOUTH KOREA 0 USA 0; USSR 4 (Mikhailitchenko 2, Dobrovolsky, Narbekas) USA 2 (Goulet, Doyle); ARGENTINA 2 (Moreno, Fabbrì) SOUTH KOREA 1 (Noh Soo Jin).

STANDINGS: 1 USSR 5 pts, 2 ARGENTINA 3, 3 USA 2, 4 South Korea 2.

GROUP D

AUSTRALIA 1 (Farina) YUGOSLAVIA 0; BRAZIL 4 (Romario 2, Edmar, Bebeto) NIGERIA 0; BRAZIL 3 (Romario 3) AUSTRALIA 0; YUGOSLAVIA 3 (Stojkovic 2, Sabanadzovic) NIGERIA 1 (Yekini); AUSTRALIA 1 (Kosmina) NIGERIA 0; BRAZIL 2 (Cruz, Bebeto) YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Sabanadzovic).

STANDINGS: 1 BRAZIL 6 pts, 2 AUSTRALIA 4, 3 Yugoslavia 2, 4 Nigeria 0.

British Sarcasm

by Lou Gautier

WHAT Is it with the British?

Why do their sports journalists take perverse delight in denigrating Australian sporting achievements?

Many will remember the sarcastic comments that followed the Socceroos' qualification for the 1974 World Cup finals after Poland had eliminated England.

Now they're at it again! They've put the knife in Australia's Olympians.

This is what Rob Hughes, Soccer writer for the SUNDAY TIMES, of London, wrote in the INTERNATIONAL HERALD-TRIBUNE:

"Brazil knocked off Australia 3-0. It was hardly a stroll in the park.

"These are the Olympics, and in the de Coubertin spirit the Aussies refused to let class tell while their lungs had power.

"Swifter, higher, stronger went the Australian boots — Olympian indeed, but for the fact that the brutish tackles rose until they threatened the Brazilians well above the skins.

"Thankfully, Brazil drew the Australian venom, hurdled the leg breaks and showed

enough appetite and flourish for Romario to net three superb goals.

"Even with a weakened second-string team, Brazil is getting by. It's a young side, willing to please a crowd by attacking and going for goals in the old fluid manner.

"It's a team able to trust every move its new goalie, the composed Taffarel, makes.

"He, happily, was unbroken at the end, unlike the Yugoslav goalkeeper who on Sunday was carried off concussed, enabling the rough-house Aussies to win."

"Brutish?" "Leg breaks?" Please, give me a break — from British condescendence and arrogance.

Hughes' prose comes pretty close to libel.

Anyone who watched Australia v Yugoslavia saw that Graham Arnold's collision with goalkeeper Stojanovic was quite unintentional.

To suggest, not too subtly, that it was deliberate — the result of "rough house" Aussie tactics — is outrageous slander.

Here's a big raspberry for what I class as a pompous Pom.

WHAT TV COVER?

THE Socceroos qualified for the quarter-finals, but this, obviously, did not impress Channel TEN.

No-one can quibble with the decision of the "Olympic Network" to give precedence to the swimming finals and to Australia's shot at a cycling gold medal, all of which clashed with the Socceroos' vital decider against Nigeria.

It was bad enough that Mike Hill was only given a grand total of six "live" minutes, but later in the evening Channel 10 out-did itself.

Their presenter promised that between 11pm and 2am they would show highlights of all Australia's games in team sports.

True to their word, we were teated to eight minutes of Australia's win in women's basketball against Bulgaria. Men's hockey fared better with a full 14 minutes, and water polo got 25 despite a one-sided 11-4 rout by the USSR.

Soccer, we thought, would surely be next. It was after 1am by then. Wrong!

Channel 10 treated us to a full 45 minutes of handball! I kid you not: a game between South Korea and East Germany...

When the station's Olympic coverage ended, at 2am, we were still waiting for Australia's match...

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Sad end to stirring saga

PUSAN — Soviet skill and Hollywood-style acting proved too much for a stout-hearted, frustrated Australian team which held out for 50 minutes before disaster struck in their quarter-final match last Sunday.

Alexei Mikhailitchenko was the destroyer of Australia's hopes, "creating" two penalties and scoring a goal — all in the space of a nightmarish 11 minutes early in the second period.

While the first penalty might have been justifi-

BY PHIL MARTIN

fied as Jeff Olver did pull down uncere- moniously the Dynamo Kiev star, who played in the team which clinched second place in this year's European Championship, as he was streaking toward goal, the second was a complete fabrication.

It was a classic dive which would have won the Ukrainian a medal in the highboard event as it was clear to everyone except Uruguayan referee Juan Cardellino that Robbie Dunn had barely nudged, let alone tripped him.

The Australians, actually, even bitterly contested the first penalty, claiming the linesman had raised his flag to signal Lioutyi off-side before he sent the pass to Mikhailitchenko.

Their pleas fell on deaf years, and in minutes 51 and 55 the Soviets posted two penalty goals, courtesy of Igor Dobrovitsky.

If that wasn't infuriating enough, the Soviets' third goal was equally controversial.

The Australians were convinced that the freekick that led to it should never have been given as the referee over-ruled the linesman's signal that the ball had gone over the line seconds before Cardellino awarded the freekick for a foul on Tartarchuk.

Before the Australians could regroup, that man Mikhailitchenko, again, gave Paul Wade the slip to lope a curly header past Olver from Dobrovitsky's freekick.

Down 3-0 after 62 minutes, the Australians were done for. The remainder of the game was a spiteful affair, with tempers flaring all over the pitch.

Explosion point was reached in the 70th minute with the expulsion of David Mitchell.

He was kicked quite

deliberately by Alexei Cherednik and promptly retaliated with a kick of his own — which resulted in the Soviet defender being carried off on a stretcher and the Feynoord pro being sent off for the first time in his career.

It took the referee a good two minutes to convince Mitchell to leave the field, which he eventually, albeit reluctantly, did after appealing vainly for justice to the linesman from Mexico, Edgardo Mendez.

In the stormy — in more ways than one as heavy rain was also pelting down on the crowd of about 10,000 — finale, Charlie Yankos, a model of restraint earlier under considerable provocation, also copped a yellow card for dissent.

Until the dramatic, back-breaking sequel of penalties — one totally fictitious, let me hasten to reassert — the game had developed into a gripping contest, with the revved up Aussies giving every indication

they were capable of pulling off another "Yugoslav" coup.

Both teams had difficulty keeping their feet on the wet, slippery surface but the Socceroos were gradually frustrating their opponents and at the half-time whistle their chances were intact.

Superior

That the Soviets were superior was obvious. They pushed the ball around with confidence, displaying even better team-work and cohesion than the Brazilians.

They switched play extremely well, stretching the Australian defence every time play-makers Ketachvili, Dobrovitsky and Losiev sent dynamic strikers Tartarchuk and the tall, blond Mikhailitchenko away.

But the Australian defence did not panic and kept its composure, with Arnold and Farina dropping back to leave Mitchell alone up front.

The big fellow worried the Soviets on the few occasions Australia mounted attacks of their own.

Seven minutes from half-time, he even came very close to putting Australia ahead when he recovered from a stumble to just miss

goalkeeper Dimitri Kharin's net.

Kharin, incidentally, is touted as Dassaiev's successor in the World Cup team.

The USSR, for their part, were denied by some acrobatics from Jeff Olver, who had his best international match for some time.

Alan Davidson, again, was a tower of strength. Ditto for Yankos, and Crino was creative in the midfield.

In the space of one minute — the 35th — Olver was called upon to fist and palm fierce close-range drives from Lioutyi and Ketachvili over the bar.

The Soviets repeatedly breached the Australian defence but came away at the interval with nothing to show for their efforts.

The Australians returned to the field full of fight after the break, but 10 minutes later the game was over...

Frank Arok was unusually restrained in his post-match comments, fully aware that his team had over-achieved by making it to the quarter-finals.

Arok said some of the players were tired after four games in seven days.

"No team can afford to give away two penalties to a team as good as the Soviet Union," he said.

"But it was not only their skill, but crazy refereeing that contributed to our defeat. A 1-0 loss would have been more indicative of general play.

"I expected much better refereeing at this level," he added.

USSR coach Anali Byshovets was critical of the "rough play" of the Australians.

"I was amazed," he said, "that it was in the final 15 minutes, when they were well and truly beaten, that they resorted to their roughest tactics.

"But my players also did not play quite fairly," he admitted.

AUSTRALIA: Olver, Davidson, Yankos, Dunn, Jennings, Wade, van Egmond, Crino, Farina, Arnold, Mitchell (sent off 70min), Bozhnovski came in as a 72nd min. sub.

USSR: Kharin, Trenik, Kutnezov, Cherednik (Eskalov 70min), Narbekas, Ketachvili, Lioutyi, Losiev, Mikhailitchenko, Dobrovitsky, Tartarchuk.

Referee: J. Cardellino (Uruguay).

Crowd: 10,000.

Klinsmann stars!

TAEGU — West Germany showed no mercy for preliminary round sensation Zambia in their quarter-final match with a run-away 4-0 win which set up a semi-final confrontation with gold medal favorites Brazil.

Five days earlier Kalusha Bwalya had scored three goals in Zambia's rout of Italy. Last Sunday it was Jurgen Klinsmann, the best German player in this year's European championships, who netted a hat-trick.

Like Australia, Zambia conceded their first goal from a penalty, which Wolfgang Funkel converted in the 18th minute.

Klinsmann then bulldozed through a very undisciplined Zambian defence to score in the 34th and 43rd minutes.

The Zambians delighted the crowd with their spectacular football, attacking non-stop.

They had the better of the play in the second half, but instead of being rewarded with the goal they richly deserved, it was another Klinsmann counter-attack, one minute from full-time, which produced a fourth German goal.

USSR 4-2

TAEGU — The Soviet Union reached the quarter-finals by defeating the United States 4-2 to clinch first place in Group C, after leading 3-0 at half-time.

Alexei Mikhailitchenko scored in the sixth minute; Armas Narbekas in the 18th, and Igor Dobrovitsky converted a 44th minute penalty.

The Soviets made it 4-0 two minutes after the interval with a second goal by Mikhailitchenko, then virtually played the match out, allowing the US to score two consolation goals through Brent Goulet (65th minute) and John Doyle (84th).

"A few years ago we would have lost this game 8-0," said Lothar Osiander, the American coach. "We've improved, but we're not a Soccer power. We can't build anything overnight."

Crippa clincher

TAEGU — A goal by Napoli's Massimo Crippa in the second period of extra-time powered Italy through to the semi-finals with a thrilling 2-1 win over Sweden.

It was a remarkable transformation for the Italians and demonstrated they had the character required to go all the way despite the shock loss to Zambia in their second Olympic outing.

The two teams were very evenly matched and the result could have gone either way.

after a scoreless first half, AC Milan star Pietro Antonio Virdis put Italy ahead with a typically opportunist goal which left Swedish goalie Andersson standing and shaking his head in disbelief.

lief.

The Italian defence withstood tremendous pressure, but just as a win in regulation time appeared certain, Jan Hellstrom bobbed up to equalise with his third goal of the tournament.

Extra-time had the crowd of 15,000 standing on its feet as play saw-sawed from one end to the other.

After Peter Lonn had missed a sitter in the 107th minute, the Azzurri clinched victory through Crippa whose 25-metre drive went in off a deflection from a defender.

A minute from full-time, Italy came close to netting again. Andersson was called upon to palm acrobatically over the bar from a Colombo pile-driver after a swerving corner kick by Romano.

Age Limit Row

BY PHIL MARTIN

SEOUL — Soccer will definitely be dropped from the Olympics if the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refuses to accept an age limit on players set by FIFA, a spokesman for the world Soccer authority said last weekend.

FIFA officials held an informal meeting on Saturday to confirm their new age limit of 23 for players in Olympic tournaments starting with the 1991 Games in Barcelona.

FIFA insists that only players born on January 1, 1969 or thereafter will be eligible to play in the 1992 Olympics.

Some IOC members, including Willi Daume, chief the eligibility committee, have demanded that all professional Soccer players should be allowed to play in keeping with the IOC efforts to gain more leading names for the Olympics.

But Joao Havelange, the president of FIFA, who chaired his group's gathering, "sees no possibility for compromise" on the age limit, according to a spokesman.

"If the IOC does not agree, then we're heading towards a withdrawal."

SCORERS

LEADING scorers after the Olympic quarter-finals:

Bwalya (Zambia) 6, Romario (Brazil) 5, Mikhailitchenko (USSR) 4, Dobrovitsky (USSR) 4, Hellstrom (Sweden) 3, Moreno (Argentina) 3, Mill (West Germany) 3, Klinsmann (West Germany) 3.

Bendigo are the winners

THE Victorian city of Bendigo stands to see a great match when Australia's Socceroos meet the New Zealand All Whites on Sunday fortnight, October 16.

The Socceroos, after their Olympics Games successes and having played the first Trans Tasman Cup round in Dunedin on Wednesday October 12, won't be in any mood to give way to their traditional rivals.

For their part the Kiwis

will be treating the encounter with every bit of their normal drive and determination.

Amongst the New Zealand stars will be Clint Gosling, the Sydney Olympic goalkeeper, whom Australian NSL coaches voted as the best in this country for 1988.

Gosling's Sydney Olympic team-mate Robert Ironside is an automatic inclusion, along with the multi-talented striker or midfielder, Marconi's Fred de Jong.

Elegant centre-back Malcolm Dunford will lead the All Whites.

The tall fellow might well have also been a Sydney Olympic star, but for a decision made early in the year to remain at home due to employment considerations.

The balance of the New Zealanders are drawn from their national league, the exceptions being striker Michael McGarry of Mosgiel in the Southern League, and winger Darren McClenahan from Lynndale in the north.

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Bergers favoured for NSL spot

BY KEITH GILMOUR

HEIDELBERG, Victorian State League winners, go into the play-off series for a place in next year's West End National Soccer League at unbackable odds.

Two positions were up for grabs following the demotion of Brunswick Juventus and Brisbane Lions.

One was filled by Blacktown City as NSW premiers, from a league that includes teams from the ACT and Northern NSW as well as NSW.

The Victorian outfit is the form team, with Brisbane City missing key strikers (see Greg Russell's story from the Sunshine State).

Blacktown made a successful late run to obtain their spot by one point, after Melita Eagles, now NSW grand finals winners, stumbled badly after going nine points to the good.

South Australia was due to compete along with the Victorian and Queensland League winners.

NSL general manager Peter Russell said: "Adelaide Croatia informed us that they did not have the resources to compete in the NSL, so that left us with a two state play-off."

Heidelberg survived a blow-up close to the end of the season, when they replaced former Welsh international Terry Hennessey with ex-Socceroo defender, Jim Tansey, in the coaching seat.

Mr Russell continued: "The first leg of the play-offs will be held in Brisbane on Sunday October 16

and the return game in Melbourne on the following Sunday October 23.

"We wanted to leave Victoria free on October 16, so that maximum interest can be focussed on the Australia-New Zealand Trans Tasman Cup international at Bendigo."

Should both sides be even on goals after the two games, a further 15 minutes each way will be played.

After that the away goals counting double rule comes into play, after which a penalty kicking contest would be held if required.

But, with Brisbane City handicapped by the loss of key strikers Cooper and Dillon, Heidelberg fans aren't the only ones who believe that they will have the matter in hand before emergency methods come into effect.

Certainly Tansey will be guarding against complacency, because underdogs have grabbed goals and defended successfully to create upsets in the past.



ABOVE — Northcote's Martin Woodall (No.6) and Heidelberg's Nick Ouskas during the Bergers' 2-1 win last Sunday. ABOVE — Arthur Patiniotis (left) gets his boot in against player-coach Carl Gilder, of Northcote. CARMELO BAZZANO photos.

Juventus, Fawkner discuss future

BY GREG BLAKE

A proposed amalgamation of rival Italian-backed clubs Brunswick Juventus and Fawkner is one step closer to seeing success, despite a split amongst the Fawkner ranks.

Last Tuesday night Juventus members voted their approval to go ahead with talks with Fawkner about a possible merger of the two clubs.

Fawkner, relegated from the State League this season, has publicly approved of the plan.

President Sam Rizza confirmed that informal meetings have taken place between the two clubs in recent weeks. He told local pressmen that the Fawkner hierarchy was keen to "test the waters and see what reaction we get from supporters and members."

Rizza backs the move, citing the facts that Fawkner has the facilities and Juventus the ability as the main reason that the move is "ideal".

"We need a good, strong Italian-backed club in Melbourne," he explained.

Juventus has been reticent to comment on the proposed moves.

I approached team manager Joe Caruso at a

Victorian State League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	16	7	7	51	29	39
Croydon City	14	9	7	33	27	37
Green Gully	12	12	6	37	23	36
St Albans	13	10	7	37	26	36
Caulfield City	13	9	8	43	35	35
Thomastown	14	7	9	38	31	35
Ringwood City	12	7	11	49	41	31
Northcote City	10	11	9	37	34	31
Bulleen	10	9	11	31	41	29
Morwell Falcons	9	10	11	26	30	28
Springvale City	9	10	11	30	36	28
Polonia	10	6	14	41	42	26
Box Hill	7	12	11	35	40	26
Fawkner	9	6	15	28	35	24
Western Suburbs	10	4	16	32	47	24
Oakleigh	5	5	20	22	53	15

Results

FAWKNER 4 (Hannah 2, Fraser, Miniachello) OAKLEIGH 0, CROYDON 2 (Dobson, Humble) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Esposito), GREEN GULLY 1 (Smart) RINGWOOD 1 (Cocker), HEIDELBERG 2 (Valentine, Lucchesi) NORTHCOTE 1 (Gilder), POLONIA 2 (Czapnik, Przybyla) BOX HILL 1 (o.g.), MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Sokoluk) THOMASTOWN 0.
Midweek: CROYDON 1 (French pen.) POLONIA 0, BULLEEN 0 GREEN GULLY 0, OAKLEIGH 2 ST ALBANS 3 (Kelic 2, Duzel).
Saturday: CAULFIELD 0 ST ALBANS 0, BULLEEN 1 (Avian) SPRINGVALE 1 (Morrey).

Top Scorers

- 17: I. Kelic (St Albans)
- 14: J. Nijholt (Ringwood)
- 13: D. Tuck (Western Suburbs)
- 10: A. Goutzioulis (Caulfield)
- 9: P. Cocker (Ringwood)
- 8: G. French (Croydon), C. Quigley & J. O'Donnell (G. Gully), J. Sokoluk (Morwell-Falcons)



Bris City in strife

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE City's hopes on returning to the National League are in tatters with their two star Irish strikers both sidelined after knee operations.

Kieran Cooper, who netted 21 goals in 22 games, for the XXXX League premiers, had a bone spur cut out a week ago and is at least another week off returning to the playing field.

Dillon, who has scored four goals since arriving this season, has been an aggressive frontrunner who has created space for Cooper. He had an operation this week to remove a floating piece of cartilage. His return will depend on the progress of his recovery.

But with the NSL play-offs between City and Victorian Champions Heidelberg likely to be scheduled for October 16 (Brisbane) and 23 (Melbourne), the pair are locked in a race against time to be fit. The opening play-off match could be the pair's first game and first real test of their knees.

City's form has slumped since the Irish pair were injured. The premiers lost their final fixture against seventh-placed Grange Thistle and then were outplayed by runners-up North Star in the major semi-final.

During the match, which City lost 2-0, the premiers used a patched up attack and only managed to get one serious shot on target.

"It has become apparent no-one else in the club can do the job of scoring goals like Kieran and Paddy have this season," said City coach Matt Carson.

"It is difficult when you rely on players to score goals all season, then they suddenly disappear from the scene."

After the major semi loss to North Star, which denied City direct passage to the grand final, Carson refused to even contemplate the NSL play-offs.

"We can't even think of the NSL at the moment, with things the way they are now. We must not look any further than next week's match (the preliminary final against Easts)."

Doncevski fancies Preston Makedonia

BY GREG BLAKE

PRESTON MAKEDONIA is set to make an all-out bid for NSL honours in 1989 under new coach Andon Doncevski.

And despite the club having drawn up a close-season's shopping list of players it is chasing, there will be no mass clean-out of established players as had been suggested in the press.

The club committee decided last week that it would hold on to its current squad and strengthen it with at least four new players.

They have refused to reveal the names of the players on the wanted list, but I believe five or possibly six players have been approached already about 1989.

The players Makedonia are chasing are John Markovski from Sunshine George Cross, Adelaide City's Joe Mullen, Socceroo Vlado Bozinovski and his Footscray teammate Ernie Tapai, and Croydon City and former Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper Mirko Runje.

Russell Stewart of Brisbane Lions, brother of Preston champion John, was also sounded out when Lions played in Melbourne back in August.

"Yes, we have de-

cided we will be retaining all of the current squad," said club spokesman John Gloufcev in response to the clear-out rumours.

"Officially no-one is leaving, unless, of course, they want to," he explained.

"Only Opasinis has said that he feels a bit stale at the club and would like a move. But even he hasn't officially approached the club as yet. He has served us well for 10 years and we'd let him go with our good wishes."

Gloufcev wouldn't be drawn on just who the club was chasing for 1989, but conceded that he'd like to see Bozinovski at Conner Reserve.

"We'd love to have him down here," he admitted.

"Having said that, the fact of the matter is that we have not even discussed the possibility of cutting players from the squad. There is nothing for any of them to worry about as we have no intention of getting rid of anyone," Gloufcev concluded.

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Avala tames Macedonia

BY MICHAEL DEANE

THE State League Division 2 Grand Final was decided at Parramatta Stadium last Sunday, with the strong Avala team victorious 4-2 over the less-fancied Sydney Macedonia.

Although Macedonia were considered the underdogs they were by no means disgraced.

But make no mistake, this Avala team is a class outfit. They have an abundance of talent, experience, and the backing of a very strong club.

Should Avala overcome Fairy Meadow in the play-off for promotion, they will have made every post a winner.

They possess all the credentials to make a big impact next season.

The NSW Soccer Federation is to be congratulated for organising the Grand Final day in a totally professional manner.

Avala were full of purpose from the start. They pushed the ball around at will, probing the Macedonia defence to exploit any weak spots during the settling down period.

Macedonia on the other hand looked nervous and could find no fluidity in their play — they took a while to settle down.

Avala hit the front in the 4th minute when Micky Bratkovic ran well to meet a long throw. He put his team ahead when he hammered the ball in from close range past goalkeeper Maglovski.

This gave Avala the confidence to go ahead and Macedonia were visibly stunned. Their defence in disarray, unable to contain the strong Avala attack.

Avala mounted attack after attack and continued to pile on the pressure. The constant attacks unsettled Macedonia's defence, so much so that they literally handed Avala their second goal on a platter.

The usually reliable Gary Hastie at the centre of defence attempted a backpass, the effort lacked weight and the ever-alert Bratkovic nipped between the keeper and Hastie for his second goal.

Macedonia were hit with the knock-out blow when linesman Naylor flagged for the attention of referee Townsend. Ali Nagy was then given his marching orders.

The sending off of Nagy remains a mystery, although the consensus is that Nagy and Paul Quarmby were indulging in some pushing and shoving in back-play.

Macedonia were now right behind the eight-ball, two goals down and a key play off the field. The grand final was living up to its



DRAGO MIRESCU — Avala



A hat-trick went Martin Diene's way in Avala's 5-0 win over University of NSW.

dramatic build-up.

Avala went further ahead in the 37th minute when a free-kick was awarded. The ball found Bratkovic, who hit it superbly with his head for a monumental hat-trick to the 20-year-old Bonnyrigg lad.

Fabian Kadric gave his Macedonia teammates some spur from midfield and the side looked better for it. It was he who pulled a goal back when he dispossessed an Avala defender, strode goalwards and unleashed a powerful low drive which caught Chris Hummel unawares and put the Sydney side back into the match.

Kadric again slipped his marker and beat Hummel with a low drive, the half-time score 3-2 to Avala.

The second half was hard tough football, and neither side could make an impression. Macedonia captain Peter Dameski was injured in



CHRIS HUMMEL

the 82nd minute and had to be taken off.

His replacement Robert Bozinovski, although trying hard, was a little out of his depth.

Avala asserted their authority. Drago Konstantine gathered the ball in midfield and took off on a solo run, got to within 15 metres of the goal and hit a ferocious shot into the net to give Avala the 4-2 scoreline.

An entertaining Grand Final for the hardy souls that attended.



Robbie Slater

Dulwich Hill, Baulko dominate

By WES SAWINA

RED HOT Dulwich Hill downed Moorebank Liverpool 1-0 in first grade and Baulkham Hills captured the second grade grand final with a repeat of their 2-1 semi-final win over Rooty Hill West in the big games at the weekend.

Although Baulkham Hills was the better side at Melita Stadium on Saturday, there was a touch of luck in their victory with both Baulko goals scored by Hill's defenders.

Joe Cingnella put home Hill's only score.

For Baulko the Vezos brothers, Andrew and Peter, had great games.

A misunderstanding of the kick-off time severely hampered Moorebank's chances of upsetting premiers Dulwich Hill at Parramatta Stadium.

The late arrival of key striker Peter Lanham had an unsettling effect on the team, forcing coach Willie Hamilton to reshuffle the line-up.

Taking full advantage, Dulwich Hill started strongly and were rewarded when Muniz opened the scoring with a 25 metre free-

kick in the seventh minute.

In a display reminiscent of his halcyon days, Muniz almost single-handedly controlled the middle of the park.

Showing great touch, he put Barros into the clear with a precision through ball, only to see the striker shoot wide with only Gisbourne to beat.

Then in the 31st minute, another goal-bound Muniz free-kick was spectacularly saved by Gisbourne.

Moorebank would have been relieved to go into the break down by only the one goal, after a very disappointing opening 45 minutes.

The introduction of Lanham into the front line immediately on resumption almost paid an instant dividend.

Cuerden slipped two defenders before firing



Agenor Muniz with the NSW State League Rothmans Medal in 1983.

in a low ball which just eluded Connor.

Five minutes later Lanham jinked through on the right and crossed to Forrester, who shot weakly from 14 metres.

At the other end more Gisbourne aerobatics were required to keep out a Muniz special.

Midway into the half, Barros and Duarte played a delightful 1-2, only to be denied by Gisbourne, who was having

a fine match.

With time running out and reduced to ten men with the sending off of Lanigan, Dulwich Hill put up the shutters.

However they had to survive some anxious moments, blocking Wood when in front of goal and heaving a sigh of relief as Ceurden was called for offside with only Ahrens to beat.

Final result Dulwich Hill 1, Moorebank 0.

Robbie Slater's huge disappointment

FROM PHIL MARTIN
SEOUL — EXCITING Soceroo striker Robbie Slater won't be joining Hajduk Split next week.

The Australian camp, relaxing here after their magnificent Olympic Games campaign, finally released the close-guarded secret that Slater had been handicapped by a stress fracture to a vertebrae.

Team officials confirmed medical advice that he will be sidelined for six months.

It is a blow to both Slater and Sydney Croatia. Both of them were due to receive \$75000 for the transfer of his services.

Slater told me: "It is no use continuing to play until the break mends."

"To do so could mean problems later in my career."

"Rest and light exercise are all I will be able to handle for the time being."

It remains to be seen whether the Slater deal

will be consummated later next year.

Although Slater came on as a substitute against Yugoslavia, Australia badly missed the services of this magnificent player, who blossomed to new dimensions in the 1988 domestic season.

Meanwhile coach Frank Arok, never short of ideas, stated yesterday that Australia should copy the no-nonsense Soviet style.

"I don't consider we could ever hope to match the Brazilian skills, and really we have to follow our own abilities and not just follow the Anglo-Saxon pattern," he said.

"The Russians are very organised and have been high on the international ladder for many years."

"They rely on teamwork and no-fuss passing. Emulating them seems to me to be the sensible way to go."

"It would never push us beyond our resources, and it will take us further up the world scene."

Although he won't admit it, Arok must surely be thinking hard over whether he should do some rebuilding to bring more skill and speed into some areas of the team's operations.

Arok's Australian

Soccer Federation contract expired with the last kick of the 3-0 loss to the USSR.

But Australian officials won't hear of any change in the coach, if Arok is prepared to continue in the job.

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Alex McPherson turns out the hero

ALEX McPherson, Melita's custodian, saved three times during the penalty shoot-out to pave the way for his side to take the Grand Final by outlasting Blacktown City 7-6 last Sunday at Parramatta Stadium.

With the score standing at 6-6 Glen Sterrey strode into the penalty area to take a shot.

His first was a very poor effort and McPherson had little trouble saving.

However, the referee, Gary Power, ordered the kick to be re-taken and yet again McPherson saved, but to no avail as he moved before the shot was taken and a new chance was given to Sterrey.

It was third time lucky for the Melita keeper as he was well positioned to save a shot that looked more like a back pass.

Melita's captain, Alex Robertson, had his effort

wiped out by the brilliant save from Steve Watson, but the Demons keeper moved early and Robertson made no mistake with his second to give the Eagles the Grand Final trophy.

Earlier on Zarko Odzakov, Lee Sterrey, Peter Denyer, Bobby Naumov, Ralph Maier and Darren Northam netted for Blacktown, while Greg Brown who hit the post with his first shot (you could have put your house on Brown hitting the woodwork at one time or another during the game), but scored after being "reprieved" for an early move by Watson.

Hugo Gimenez, Craig

Williams, Alex McPherson (that man again) and Jemal Meerbani netted for Melita Eagles.

Alas, there were no goals during the full 90 minutes of play and in extra-time and one could safely assume that the two sides could have played for two more days without scoring a goal, such was the rate of missed opportunities.

It was Melita who had the edge during the first period. Blacktown dominated the second and had the edge in extra-time. Chances came at both ends but both teams had little luck in front of goal.

The pitch, in particular a very large area covering space between the 16 metre lines at both ends and close to the touch line, looked especially rough.

The ball bounced every which way, taking 90-degree turns one minute,



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with

ALEX VESIC

then "shooting through" the next, before bouncing high when expected to "die".

For those Australian cricketers, who complained so bitterly about the state of the pitch at Faisalabad, I have some great news: come and see Parramatta Stadium.

You could not play anything but rugby on this pitch and it was unfair to players and spectators alike that the game took place at such a sub-standard venue.

And while most players struggled to control the ball on the uneven pitch, Blacktown City midfielder general Zarko Odzakov showed the class which stamped his authority in the middle of the park for most of this encounter.

He controlled the ball early, creating numerous opportunities for his fellow-players to threaten Melita's goal.

He mastered the pitch and stood alongside McPherson as the best in this tight but enthralling Grand Final.

What could have been

Odzakov's through ball after 11 minutes split Melita's defence to send Alan Reis facing McPherson. Reis eluded McPherson but failed to control the ball.

Brown managed to create some space for himself just inside the penalty area and in line with the goal posts. His low cross split Anthony Versi and Lenny Vial very close to the Demons' goal line.

The 33rd minute of the first half saw the best move of the game. Gimenez' through ball found Brown wide on the



McPherson

left. The tall striker left-footed it to the far post for Ray Farrugia to volley across the penalty area and Vial was at the end of it, heading inches wide of the post.

Gimenez and Vial combined to set Versi up in the 37th minute but his shot from the edge of the penalty area went high and wide.

Then with four minutes left in the first period, Alfredo Barrios threaded his pass to Greg Brown who appeared set to score. Alas, Versi intercepted the pass, then fumbled and stumbled to lose possession.

It was a different ball game in the second period as Blacktown pushed forward.

Peter Denyer's cross from the left eluded all but an unmarked Naumov at the far post. His simple header found McPherson

fully stretched to save and run into the goalpost at the same time. After receiving attention, McPherson was back at his best to deny Naumov close to the line.

A Jason Dunn header was cleared close to the line by Robertson, then Reis struck one high and wide from a header by Dunn.

Another free-kick by Odzakov saw Ralph Maier get to the ball before McPherson put his header inches wide of an empty net.

Williams rugby-tackled Reis in the 78th and Odzakov's free-kick was headed by Denyer but the

keeper was there again to save.

Meerbani intercepted, then set sails forward in the 83rd. He found Brown who opened the way for Vial but this time Watson made a superb save from short range to send the two teams into extra-time.

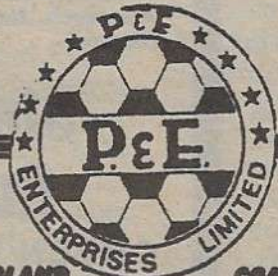
Alan Reis fluffed an opening in the 98th. Vial missed with a header a few moments later to have the two sides go into the penalty shoot-out.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez, Meerbani, Williams, Robertson, Barrios (60th McFadden), Vial, Farrugia (Cerro 76th), Versi, Gimenez, Brown.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, L. Sterrey, G. Sterrey, Dunn, Northam, Odzakov, Denyer, Maier, Reis, Naumov, Thornthwaite (Kay 90th).



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Heidelberg players, officials and supporters celebrate their 1988 Victorian State League title — JOHN ERMIDIS photo.

Falcons out of Dockerty Cup

BY GREG BLAKE

MORWELL Falcons have withdrawn from the 1988 Dockerty Cup final rounds following a Victorian Soccer Federation decision to postpone the final rounds until November.

Victories in the first two rounds of the Cup against Thomastown and Prahran/Brighton put the Falcons into the last 15 with the next round originally scheduled for early October.

With Cup games now put back to November 6, the Falcons have pulled out and Morwell coach Bobby McLachlan, himself a Dockerty Cup winner seven times as player or coach, is disgusted at what he called "a farcical situation".

"All the State League clubs have been asked to keep hanging around until the time was right for them to enter the competition", he explained.

"It is ridiculous to ask any of the clubs to keep employing its players for the next seven weeks just to fit in with the NSL clubs.

"It's taken us two wins to get through to this stage, so we withdraw reluctantly. If you talk legally I believe the games should still be played as specified at the start of the season.

"It's a prestigious affair, and here it is being treated like a farce for the sake of clubs that left the VSF years ago.

"I knew Harry Dockerty, and I reckon he'd turn in his grave if he knew what was happening in the competition named after him."

NSL clubs will join

the competition for the third main round to be played on November 6.

The draw is:

Preston-Makedonia v Clarinda, Brunswick Juventus v Green Gully, South Melbourne Hellas v Morwell Falcons, Sunshine George Cross v Ringwood City, Heidelberg v Polonia, Melbourne Croatia v Clifton Hill, Footscray JUST v Western Suburbs. Caulfield City has a bye.

Falcons are safe

THE contrast could hardly be more dramatic.

As Morwell Falcons celebrated its near-certain last-gasp relegation escape, thanks to Sunday's 1-0 home win over Thomastown, the Thomastown crew mourned what might have been on the long journey back from the Latrobe Valley.



St Alban's Bill Popovski (No 7) and Bulleen's Goran Troglic in action. St Albans clinched a berth in the top four. Photo by CARMELO BAZZANO.

Thomastown, for so long a title contender, had missed the top four with Sunday's defeat.

And although Bill Murray and his boys can be terribly proud of their achievements in 1988, missing the finals of the State League Cup is a bitter pill to swallow.

Back at Morwell, the celebrations are probably only just winding up.

They talked and drank and sang for hours at the club with local TV on hand to cover Morwell's almost miraculous relegation escape on Sunday thanks to John Sokaluk's first half winner against Thomastown.

"Give the boys a nice write-up will you, because they really deserve it", a bubbling Morwell coach Bobby McLachlan told ASW.

"When I came to the ground today, I found out that Ashwood, Webster, Bingham and Bennett would all be out for the game and I honestly felt like reversing the car and going back to Melbourne.

"But the boys really played as if they wanted to avoid relegation and I was very proud of them.

"It's great to be able to give the club something back for all the support they've given me."

MORWELL: Reynolds, Clarke, Bruns, C. Gotts, M. Gotts, Cassar, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Stilton, Drakeford, Sokaluk.

THOMASTOWN: Janakelvel, Mihailidis, McMillan, Planalto, DiMartino (Ristevski), Cristaldo, Carfora, Dougherty, Atharoych, McGuinness, Lewis (Marano).

Steady Gully

GREEN GULLY cemented its place in the Victorian State League final four series at the expense of relegation-haunted Bulleen in a rescheduled match last Wednesday evening.

A 12th minute strike from Gully's Bill Romanovski was enough to see his team into second place and leave Bulleen still tottering on the brink of the relegation zone.

Bulleen faced Springvale in what club spokesman Pat Saladino called a do-or-die game in three days' time to decide the relegation issue.

Despite getting good support from a healthy midweek crowd at the Veneto Club, Bulleen, undefeated in three previous outings, hardly got into its stride against Gully.

Steve Douglas set up the early goal for the visitors with a run which took him past three defenders before he squared for Romanovski to score.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marsan, Curcio (Boarotto), Curulli, Kraljic, Angele, Ruccia, Boziskas, Troglic, Lujic, Avian.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Napoli, Grimaud, Cutler, Cannell, Smart, Quigley, Wilson, Milankovic (Dockerty), Douglas, Romanovski.

SINGLE STRIKE

A single strike from Croydon City veteran Graham French lifted his team to within Top Four striking distance and put an end to Polonia's vain bid to escape relegation when the teams met in a deferred fixture last Wednesday night.

Croydon's 1-0 home win made relegation a certainty for a Polonia team which was crowned Victorian State League champion just 12 months ago.

For Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg it was a night of mixed emotions as his current team sent his former Polonia charges crashing out of the league.

French scored the winner early in the second half after he got a header to a Paul Langsbury cross.

Croydon failed to wrap the game up when Goran Runje missed a penalty with 12 minutes left to play.

CROYDON: M. Runje, Brown, Dobson, McIntosh, Brack, van Egmond, (Humble), Flavell, Campbell, Langsbury, G. Runje, French (Field).

POLONIA: Kostrzewa, Lipiarski, Mila, Innes, Chetcuti, Corlos, Czapnik, Bonk, Lakic, Warszawa (Temos), Pryzbula (De Bono).

St Albans win 3-2

OAKLEIGH coach Takis Sviggos is hoping he'll get the chance to lead his young team back in Division I next season after what he described as "another encouraging performance" by the bottom team against St Albans last Wednesday.

Oakleigh went down 3-2 in its last game of the season on its Caloola Reserve home ground and won't rival State League

be pleased to see the last of what has been described as the worst playing pitch in the league.

St Albans' win, which should see the club to a Top Four play-off place, was set up by a dual first half strike from the league's top scorer, Ivan Kalic — his 16th and 17th goals of the season.

Kalic struck first, with Alex Livingstone leveling for Oakleigh before Kelic's second sent St Albans in ahead at the break.

Ivan Duzel made it 3-1 before Peter Zagoudis scored to keep Oakleigh within striking distance.

OAKLEIGH: Alexandropoulos, Marthenis (Henderson), Karvelos, Grotzacher, Haidaris, Tollos, Livingstone, Stamatidis (Nicholaides), Lazos, Zagoudis, Tintalakis.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Dragovic, Macasevic, Gagula, Colina, Duzel, Rastocic (Popovski), Sunjara (Hrbolic), Cullina, Kelic, Maretic.

HOW THEY FINISHED

CHAMPIONS: Heidelberg.

TOP FOUR: Heidelberg, Croydon City, Green Gully, St Albans.

SAFE: Caulfield City, Thomastown, Ringwood City, Northcote City, Bulleen.

RELEGATED: Springvale City, Polonia, Box Hill, Fawkner, Western Suburbs, Oakleigh.

UNDECIDED: Morwell Falcons (Morwell will retain its State League status should Heidelberg win its way back into the NSL).

PROMOTED FROM DIVISION ONE: Frankston Pines, Altona Gate.

GAMES THIS WEEK:

STATE LEAGUE CUP

Wednesday September 28: Heidelberg v Green Gully (semi-final); Croydon v St Albans (semi-final); games to be played as double-headers at Springvale City's Ross Reserve. Kick-off 7pm.

Sunday, October 2: Winners of semi-finals play off for State League Cup with semi-final losers meeting to decide third place. Games to be played as double-headers at Heidelberg's Olympic Village. Kick-off 1pm.



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State League Cup

VICTORIA's State League Cup Top Four play-offs kick off tonight (Wednesday September 28), at Springvale City's Ross Reserve ground.

The semi-finals will be played as a double header, with the team finishing top of the table playing the third placed side and second meeting the fourth.

The first match tonight kicks off at 7pm.

The two winning sides move into Sunday's Final at Heidelberg's Olympic Village ground, with the third and fourth place play-off preceding the main game.

Sunday's matches commence 1pm.

Meanwhile, the VSF has decided to postpone the four final rounds of the 1988 Ricoh Dockerty Cup until November, at the request of Melbourne's NSL clubs.

The third main round will now be played on Sunday November 6, the quarter-finals on Sunday November 13, the semi-finals on Sunday November 20 and the Final on Sunday November 27.

— GREG BLAKE

Bulleen bust

IN what was virtually the make-or-break game for both sides, Springvale had to win to push past Bulleen to safety, but could only draw 1-1.

But once Bulleen, under caretaker coach Zdravko Lujic, had taken a second half lead through a Claude Avian header, Springvale looked doomed.

With just 15 minutes remaining, a desperate Springvale earned a penalty as Dominic Ruccia handled in the area and Robert Morrey scored to equalise after his initial penalty was saved before he rifled home the rebound.

But Bulleen, which was clearly the better side on the day, held Springvale out to ensure State League survival for the Italian-backed club.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marsen, Ruccia, Krajacic, Curulli, Angele, Troglic, Boziskas (Keenan), Avian, Lujic, Boarotto.

SPRINGVALE: Hornus, Rell, Blessinger, Adams, Rolleman (Richardson), Findley, Bell, Livingstone, Whyte (Bozic), Keenan, Morrey.



Heidelberg midfielder Claude Lucchesi (left) and Nick Constantinou fight for the ball last weekend — CARMELO BAZZANO pic.

Box Hill demoted

ALREADY doomed Polonia made certain Box Hill would join them in the lower leagues next season, holding on desperately to a 2-1 lead in an unrelenting battle at Raleigh Reserve last Sunday.

After the game, Box Hill coach John Brown said: "We could have won 15 games with the amount of chances we created, but instead it all comes to nothing and we must accept we are going down."

"The rationalisation scheme has caused much pressure and excitement, creating interest every week for the spectators and we haven't been a bad side, especially in the second half of the season. I believe we should never have allowed ourselves to go down," Brown added.

Polonia's fate was decided in a deferred midweek encounter last Thursday, when it lost 0-1 to Croydon, going down without much of a fight, unfortunately.

However, team manager George Pater remains optimistic that Polonia will make a quick return to the State League, quashing suggestions that the ailing club might fade into oblivion.

POLONIA: Kozarzowa, Farugla (Cortos), Chetcuti, Milla, Innes, Watson, Czaplak, Lakic, Roksandic, Bonk, Przybyla.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, McArthur, Roodhouse, Davidson, Dematralis (McAleer h.t.), Hanley, McBride, Burton, Brimmer, Thomas (Martinucci 75'), Campbell.

Hail Heidelberg!

HEIDELBERG, unable to be dislodged from top spot, could have been excused if it relaxed in its final encounter, but the champion side wanted to show its mettle in front of 2,500 home supporters as it proceeded to beat fellow-Greeks from Northcote City, 2-1.

Victorian Soccer Federation president, John Dimtis, presented Heidelberg with the championship cup and one of the all-time greats, Ferenc Puskas, was there to kick off the Greek derby for the last time this season.

A fast, entertaining encounter with the 'Bergers displaying tons of championship class, gave the vocal, merry supporters much to celebrate.

Heidelberg captain Mike Valentine opened the scoring with a fine left foot drive which even Puskas might have enjoyed.

Five minutes after the break, Northcote equalised when captain-coach Carl Gilder twisted and turned past several defenders to cap off a fine individual goal.

But Heidelberg replied with a stunning build-up that involved several players. Tall striker Dennis Morovic supplied the final pass to veteran midfielder Claude Lucchesi, who scored the winner late in the game to end a good season in appropriate fashion!

HEIDELBERG: Banovic, Patiniotis, Dowle, Ousalkas, Bordignon, Kanesoulis, Lucchesi, Valentine, Stubbins, Pappas, Theodosopoulos (Morovic 50').

NORTHCOTE: Turudla, Bekiaris, Maneu, J. Constantinou, Kouremenos, Woodall, Ramos, Gilder, Sangas, P. Constantinou, Leonardos.

FOOTNOTE: Jim Tansey has been confirmed as Heidelberg's coach for 1989.

Fawkner easily

FAWKNER ended a most disappointing season on a positive note with an emphatic 4-0 demolition job over an inexperienced bottom-placed Oakleigh.

Fawkner's victory could have been greater but threatening shots by Ciavelli and Rino Miniachello found the woodwork instead of the

net.

Import David Hannah scored first with a header from a Scott Fraser corner. Fraser, himself, scored the second with ease after a beautiful through-ball from Frank Sabatino.

Fawkner's third was a beauty — ever-dangerous midfielder Ged Stenson crossed to David Hannah, who lunged acrobatically to find the back of the net with a diving header.

Hannah was in the thick of the action again when he found Miniachello all alone and right in front of goal.



Brothers in arms? Ivan Duzel (left) of St Alban's and Bulleen's Dominic Ruccia get entangled in the heat of Victorian State League action. Photo by Carmelo Bazzano.

Minniachello had all the time in the world to control and score and he made no mistake.

This has been an extremely disappointing season for Fawkner who had high ambitions pre-season.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Walsh, Fraser, Hennessey, Schipano, Ferla, Clavelli, Miniachello, Hannah, Sabatino (Jankulovski), Stenson.

OAKLEIGH: Maniatis, Parthenios (Collos), Nicolaides, Garavillos, Cruzmacher, Haidaris, Lazos (Henderson), Zagoudis, Kontos, Stamatis.

Poor Wests

CROYDON City ended Western Suburbs' misery with a 2-1 victory to impressively finish runners-up in the league after spending most of the season out of the top four.

Croydon took full advantage of its two

games in hand which helped the side pick up nine points out of the last possible 10, and that includes two mid-week games in the past fortnight, plus weekend fixtures.

A hectic schedule indeed, but it rose to the challenge with success the end result.

Poor old Wests were already two goals down to fired-up Croydon after 15 minutes had elapsed in the game.

Defender Ian Dobson headed in the first goal off a corner and then striker Andy Humble seized on a feeble Andy Pender back-pass to widen the gap.

Wests' midfielder Andy Esposito hit a nice goal from 20 metres which sailed into the net off the post to peg the score back but the effort couldn't inspire his teammates on.

Croydon go into the State League Cup in good form and injury-free while Wests must now contemplate life in the lower leagues.

CROYDON: M. Runje, I. Dobson, Gabrielson, McIntosh, Brown, R. Runje, Campbell, Flavell, Van Egmond, French, Humble (Middlemast), (Cubitt).

WESTS: Hatzilazarou, Williams, Kondouris, Pender, Esposito, Kagioglou, Apostolakis (Stefanidis), Metaxos, Tuck, Kopsaftis, Daley.

Gully draws

GREEN Gully drew its last four games of the season to finish creditably in third position.

Last Sunday it was highly-improved Ring-

wood's turn to share the points in an entertaining 1-1 tie.

In a very quick but

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George Kouremenos of Northcote shows how a clean tackle should be executed. His "victim" was Heidelberg's Phil Stubbins. Carmelo Bazzano pic.

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Immediate Start for Ethnic Cup

BY MARIO ETCHART

FROM Saturday October 1, one of the most prestigious Soccer events in NSW will be staged at Garside Park.

The Fifth Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup will start this Saturday, gathering the attention of thousands of Soccer fans from the various communities involved in the tournament.

Sixteen teams repre-

senting as many communities will fight for the coveted "Ethnic Cup" carrying a first prize of \$10,000.

The 16 squads will compete in four different Groups. They are:

GROUP 1. Chile, Colombia, Italy, Argentina.

GROUP 2. Uruguay (title holder), Macedonia, Korea, Australia.

GROUP 3. Turkey, France, Peru, Serbia.

GROUP 4. Nth Cyprus, Lebanon, Romania, El Salvador.

The programme for the



opening day is as follows:

2pm: Exhibition Match between ladies' teams from Sydney Olympic.

3pm: Opening Ceremony.

5pm: First game of the Tournament between Chile and Colombia, both former Cup winners.

7pm: Title holder Uruguay vs Macedonia.

Parallel to the All-Age competition, a Soccer championship for the Over 35s will be played at the same venue. The teams in this category are:

Argentina, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Greece, Peru, Nth Cyprus and Uruguay.

The Fifth Ethnic Soccer World Cup will run over five weeks, culminating with the Grand Final on November 5.

Previous Champions were Chile 1984-85, Colombia 1986 and Uruguay 1987. Defending Champions Uruguay will be represented by a squad from the Uruguayan Social and Sporting Club.

Leonel Arcosa, ex-Wollongong City, Paul Benitez from Uruguay Penrith, John Kalogeras and John Radman from Canterbury Marrickville Olympic and Alberto Arbelo and Javier Fernandez from Granville Chile are among the names in a strong Uruguayan side, keen to retain the Cup in its possession.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A CROWD of 2000 people jam-packed Marconi's huge auditorium on Saturday night to celebrate a highly successful season that included winning the National Championship.

Everyone was there — from under 7 teams through to the NSL — coach/promotions manager Berti Mariani saw to that.

And included were the politicians and NSL and clubs officials.

Some were fazed by the hundreds of kids, but a terrific PR job was done as thousands upon thousands of player autographs were signed.

The Tony Henderson (Hendo) Award and a \$1000 cheque from Azzurra Enterprise went to defender Steve Calderan.

"If I'd have picked the team for Seoul then Steve would have been there," said Hendo.

Coca Cola's \$500 award for Under 19 Players' Player went to multi-talented Paul Okon, now trialling in Italy.

A message came through from Frank Farina, advising that after he settles in Europe he wishes to be invited back to guest for the club.

Tony Henderson's 10 years with the club and 295 NSL games were recognised in the presentation of a magnificent silver tray.

And so the evening rolled on... The Soccer press was there, and SBS TV rolled a great

screen presentation of Marconi's exploits.

Apart from exuding class in everything they do, Marconi's management has seen the light on the treasure of Soccer youngsters that lies at their doorstep.

Marconi is gradually forging a closer liaison with the 5000 players that surround them in the huge Southern Districts Soccer Football Association.

It's a big move for a club with strong Italian roots.

But Marconi has the opportunity to retain its tradition, and invite in the public to support

them.

And it needs to be done.

The migration pattern changes as people of differing backgrounds spread across a city such as Sydney.

On the latest figures only 9.6% of the migrants in Fairfield municipality are Italian.

The adjoining city of Liverpool records a slightly higher 13.1%, but only 25% of Liverpool population were born overseas.

So, if you want to improve on the declining attendances you have to embrace the public at large.

Marconi could be expected to have satellite clubs such as Moorebank Liverpool and Southern Districts acting as feeder clubs in their area, working from the NSW State League.

ASW has taken some time, and occasionally raised some hackles, by pointing to the need to tap into wide community resources.

This is easier to achieve in some cities, because of the wider spread of general Soccer interest than applies.

Marconi is putting it all together, looking to the coming increase in attendances as a result.

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NSW Annual Charity Cup

ON November 6 the NSW Soccer Federation headquarters at Parklea, Valentine Park will host the Annual NSW Charity Cup in aid of the Crippled Childrens Association.

The 1988 event will comprise of an Open Age tournament and an Over 30's.

Initially the competitions are proposed as eight-nations participating, yet this may well have to be revised as organiser Fred Dayney has already received many applications.

Countries the like of Italy, Poland, Lebanon will be represented.

The games start at 9.30am at Parklea and the fee is \$10 per player, coach and committee member — all proceeds going to the worthy charity. The four semi-finalists in both competitions will receive trophies and awards.

To be eligible each country must field either born overseas in that particular nation or players of second generation. Two 'foreigners' are permitted to each starting line-up.

For further information and participation contact: Mr Fred Dayney on 674-1318 or by mail to, 34 Mulheron Avenue, Baulkham Hills 2153.

AN interesting sidelight took place at the Marconi club presentations. Former Hornsby North End secretary Earl Partridge presented a magnificent trophy to club president Tony Labbozzetta.

As it turns out, this was the first trophy ever won by Marconi, and took place back in 1964.

Both Marconi and Hornsby were in the NSW State League second division, and Fairfield Sports Club presented a trophy to be played between the clubs on an annual basis.

It was contested for

three years. Then Marconi moved ahead and folded and was later replaced by Gladesville Hornsby.

Partridge said: "I was preparing to move house, and came across the trophy, which we last won."

"I took it to a trophy expert, who told me that it was worth over \$700."

"In view of Marconi's standing as national champions and the fact that it was their first trophy win, I thought it was appropriate that it went into the care of this great Soccer club."



ST GEORGE

SAINTS OF THE FUTURE

The St George under 14 team which won the NSW Youth League final by narrowly defeating Melita Eagles 4-3 at St George Stadium. The Saints won the minor premiership by a remarkable eight points, although Melita came back bravely to score twice in the dying stages. The game went to an unbelievable seven minutes' injury time.

World standards levelling out

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

THE complete domination held by the super-powers of world football for almost a century is on the verge of being broken, allowing the most universal of all sports to finally confirm its title of being the true World Game.

Such a football revolution is not as yet complete but there seems nothing more certain that within a couple of decades — if not sooner — Soccer will enter an new exciting era in which dozens of countries from every corner of the globe will be able to compete for major titles on an equal footing with the traditional giants.

Early shock results from the Seoul Olympics have merely cemented the establishment of this new order.

These Games have given us the strongest Olympic football tournament-ever with most competing nations fielding their best sides, yet surprise results have been the rule rather than exception.

Take the great victories by Zambia and Australia, and a clear shift in the balance of power be-

comes obvious.

Surprise results such as these are nothing new: they have been cropping up with monotonous regularity over the last few years, but Soccer has now reached a stage of complete uncertainty.

Quite apart from the Seoul Olympics, the past 12 months have provided upsets such as Australia's 4-1 thrashing of Argentina; Israel's draws with both England and France; Scotland failing to beat minnows Malta, Luxembourg and Saudi Arabia; Morocco defeating Austria and East Germany, and Egypt's 1-0 victory over Bulgaria.

Results like these, obtained on such a regular basis, would have been unthinkable 10 years ago, but the huge strides made by smaller nations in lifting their standards has been remarkable.

A most pleasing aspect of this progress is the fact that it has occurred on all continents of the world.

Algeria, Morocco, Nigeria, Cameroun and Zambia have brought Africa onto the world stage.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Israel, South Korea and the fast-improving China have

brought new respect for Asian football while Australia continues to develop in leaps and bounds.

Even the USA has put together some reasonable results and the World Cup finals in 1994 should raise their standard to new heights.

A large number of factors have come together to produce this levelling out in world standards.

Top European and South American coaches have played a big part in this development and FIFA's decision to have 24 finalists in the World Cup has given new motivation to under-developed Soccer countries.

The largest factor of all is perhaps the impact that television has had on the game: for all the negative effect it has had on reducing match attendances, television has given new inspiration for thousands of players to improve their performances.

Irrespective of what has brought about this equality of standards, Soccer is without doubt the big winner.

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The under 15 schools cup is in its 10th year, and was recently won by St Peters High School, Maitland.

JASON POLAK (Sydney Olympic), **PAUL TRIMBOLI** (South Melbourne), **JOHN MARKOVSKI** (Sunshine), **SCOTT OLLERENSHAW** (St George) and **ANTHONY FRANKEN** (Sydney Croatia).

With players like Frank Farina, Mike Petersen and Robbie Slater moving to Europe, these group of starlets are amongst those who will be under future consideration for Socceroo selection.

SPARE a thought for Sydney Croatia's Socceroo Wally Savor, who missed the Olympic Games due to injury.

The Socceroos would have appreciated his steadiness under pressure during the matches in South Korea.

CHARLIE Villani reportedly impressed officials of Italian Second

Division side Avellino when he trained with them last week.

Avellino were keen to keep the Adelaide City midfielder for the season but Villani has problems over a work permit.

SYDNEY radio personality Arch Tambakis will be delighted in the new year with the arrival in NSW of his son James.

The starlet, with SA Rothmans League club Birkalla Eagles, will be staying in Sydney and is keen to trial with Sydney Olympic or Apia.

AFTER serving his term as president of the National Indoor Soccer League, James Hardie public relations executive Bryan Anstee is convinced that the sport has a big future.

"I'm particularly pleased with the increasing standard of play," he said.

"In addition, there has been an influx of new players with bright futures.

"The one basic problem, however, is a shortage of suitable venues.

"Everyone should push for better indoor stadiums, which are well spread throughout the major cities.

"More good properties will greatly increase the facilities in which the game will breed."

James Hardie is particularly pleased with their exposure on the SBS Television Network.

FRANK FARINA has been under the eye of international scouts in South Korea.

Dutch club Roda, whom he almost joined previously, are even

more interested than before.

The ace goalscorer is also under the notice of clubs such as Anderlecht (Belgium) and Leicester City (England).

THE other day we were asked the names of those currently serving as directors of the NSW Soccer Federation Ltd.

And the answer? John Constantine (president), George Dick (vice president), Fred Parker (vice president), Charles Valentine, Jim Ronis, Peter Gray, Harry Ambrose, Tony Labbozzetta and John Hedison.

JOHN KOSMINA, Australia's goal hero against Nigeria in the Olympic Games, did not know just two hours before the match that he would be playing.

At the last moment, coach Frank Arok pulled in Kosmina instead of Frank Farina, with the latter stated to have blistered feet.

Kosmina responded splendidly when he netted the solitary goal 13 minutes before fulltime with a magnificent left-footed inswinging drive from 16 metres out, to lift the Socceroos into the quarter-finals against the USSR.

LOOKS like another Australian-born coach is breaking through the ranks of the coaching directors.

Strongly rumoured that **IAN LLOYD**, the Melita Eagles under 19 coach in Sydney, could be heading off to Queensland to a regional coaching director's post in either Bundaberg or West Moreton. Last weekend he saw his side go down narrowly to Blacktown City in the grand final at Melita Stadium.

He has had a

tremendous junior coaching record, winning four national titles. As a player he toured New Zealand with the NSW under 16 team, and was a very handy State League player with Granville. It is good to see those who played the game getting a go.

WILL striker **KEVIN HAGAN** and sweeper **STEVE O'CONNOR** be in the St George ranks next season? On the rounds it is said that the Saints feel that they can't afford these two excellent performers, but let us wait and see what transpires.

FITNESS FOR SOCCER, the Australian Soccer Federation publication which was printed in conjunction with Rothmans Foundation National Sport Division, is proving a real winner.

Coaches, managers and players can obtain a copy for immediate or Christmas reading, by sending a cheque for \$18, payable to 'Fitness for Soccer', P.O. Box E.429, Queen Victoria Terrace P.O., Canberra. ACT. 2601.

MARCONI star Gerry Gomez has the top Australian story of the Olympic Games. With his chocolate complexion and mod hair do, he was taken in Seoul by a group of reporters as top American athlete, Carl Lewis.

But that wasn't the half of it. Gerry says he was also mobbed in the street by enthusiastic Lewis fans.

Perhaps he might also be mobbed this year in the streets of downtown Leichhardt. It is strongly rumoured that he could be turning out with Apia in 1989.

He will soon be undertaking a trip to Papua New Guinea on behalf of the Christians in Sport arm of the Baptist Church. When the oppor-

Andy's 'Life Sentence'



SBS-TV Soccer personality and former ASW journalist, ANDREW PASCHALIDIS, married his long-time girlfriend and former swim star Jane Perkins last week.

The couple were married at Bankstown's Greek Orthodox Church, with Andy being handed a 'life sentence.'

After the service, almost 400 guests attended the lavish reception.

Groomsman and Master of Ceremonies was SBS's ace football presenter, Les Murray, with many of the guests being NSL players and others from the footballing community.

During his speech at the reception, Murray disclosed that he and Andy had received a massive offer from Alan Bond's Channel 9 Network.

The offer was: 'Stay at SBS-TV.'

The newlyweds flew out to Fiji to enjoy the tranquillity of the glorious Plantation Island.

Whilst in Fiji, it wouldn't surprise if Paschalidis attempts to interview Fiji's leader Colonel Rabuka for the SBS Sports Report.

tunities arise he is likely to visit the Solomon Islands and Hong Kong as well.

MIKE HILL gave his Olympic Soccer call from Korea everything, and created a great impression for the TEN Network. Mike is well-known throughout Australia for his match descriptions for SBS-TV, covering 'Match of the Day' and a range of international fixtures.

Guess who was quoted as saying this?

"The 26 stitches Australian (rugby union) full-back Andrew Leeds took against the All Blacks last season was as brutal an attack against a player as I've ever seen."

"We find that the conservative establishment here is not keen to go further with names, but we will keep the player in mind."

None other than Australian rugby union coach Bob Dwyer, addressing a Journalists' Club luncheon in Sydney.

Former NSW Labor Government minister **JOHN AQUILINA** said that he was in real trouble at last Sunday's NSW State League grand final.

"I'm the patron of Melita Eagles, and the member for Blacktown. That leaves me in a difficult position," he told ASW.

As it turned out, Melita won. But whichever way it went, Aquilina was on the winning side. Pity you can't do that all the time in politics, John!

NSW Rothmans Medal candidates will see a battle of 'Youth vs Veterans'.

The winner, to be announced next Wednesday night at Sydney's plush Hilton Hotel

NO Brownie points to the Sun Herald in Sydney. Last Sunday their page 99 article mentioned the Olympic sports involving Australia to be played that day, but entirely omitted the Australia-Russia Soccer match.

Not that a retired rugby league writer did it much better on Radio 2GB during the week. He managed to mention the sports of the day involv-

ing Australia, but choked over his wheateas and couldn't mention that the Socceroos were also on the menu.

MIKE WELLS, known for his coaching and academic work in South Australia, is the hot tip as new NSW Director of Coaching to replace Alan Vest, who has taken a club post with Perth Italia.

A well sourced rumour is that Sydney Olympic are winning the run to sign Canterbury State League and Young Socceroo star **ZLATKO ARAMBASIC**. But the unanswered question is whether Melbourne's Warren Spink is still heading up to Sydney.

FRED de JONG is stated to be keenly sought by Apia. But would the New Zealand international want to switch after being in the Marconi Australian champion team. Whatever comes, there is no doubt that Marconi will have to cull out their extensive squad.

MARCONI will have a new sponsor for next season. Until this year they have been well served by CSR Gyprock, who could still be involved with the club in a lesser role.



Martin Tyler (right) and Johnny Warren in the presenters' booth during the Bicentennial Gold Cup. Wouldn't it have been lovely had the TEN Network given Mike Hill equal time at the Olympics?



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Reilly backs Brusasco in squabble

BY GREG RUSSELL

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation chairman Ian Brusasco has been heartened by support from Victoria's Jack Reilly following a stinging attack by Heidelberg president Lewis Yoannidis.

Reilly, the Victorian Soccer Federation chairman, divorced the VSF from Yoannidis' attack on Brusasco and ASF general secretary Alan Vessey, whom he claimed were showing

Queensland "favoritism".

Yoannidis made the accusations to Brisbane's COURIER-MAIL newspaper, after learning the NSL promotion play-offs between Heidelberg and Brisbane City would be delayed until after the Queensland XXXX League grand final on October 9.

Yoannidis wanted the play-offs to follow on from the main Victorian fixture season which ended last weekend.

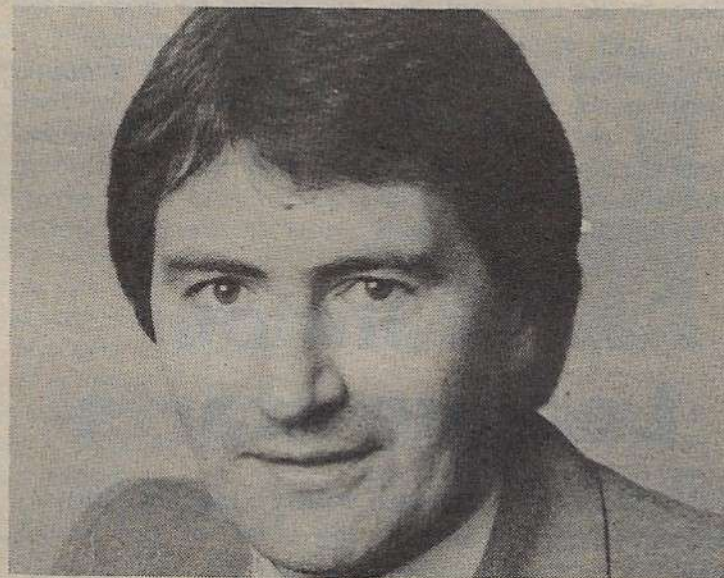
He claimed delaying the series was done to suit the Queensland team.

"We all knew this would happen when two Queenslanders got in control of the ASF," Yoannidis said. "It's what everyone has been saying in Victoria."

But Reilly, who lost the ASF chairmanship to Brusasco by just two votes, dismissed Yoannidis' suggestion and said it was not the opinion of the VSF.

"It must be very much a personal opinion as opposed to the true feeling in Victoria," Reilly said. "We understand the problems in administering Australian Soccer and the entire resources and support of the VSF are behind Ian Brusasco and Alan Vessey."

Brusasco called on the VSF to take disciplinary action against Yoannidis and warned the Heidelberg president of the



Jack Reilly

legal implications of his accusations.

"I administered Soccer without fear or favour in Queensland and will do the same now I am at the ASF," Brusasco said.

"Alan Vessey is a professional administrator whose character has been besmirched by these comments."

The ASF has confirmed that the play-offs between Brisbane City and Heidelberg (with

South Australia not being involved following the decision by champions, Adelaide Croatia not to make an NSL bid) will be played on October 16 (Brisbane) and 23 (Melbourne).

That is almost a parallel to last year when the ASF delayed the play-offs between Brisbane Lions and Adelaide Hellas until after the Queensland grand final and the South Australian West End play-offs.

Gold strike THE Gold Coast secured its second major piece of Queensland Soccer silverware when Southport won the Qantas Cup knockout competition.

The trophy was always heading to the tourist strip, as Southport's opponents were fellow-Gold Coast side Twin Towns. Southport beat the Tweed Heads-based Twin Towns 1-0 in extra-time.

The Gold Coast last month won the Ampol Cup knockout competition.

Southport, the Gold

Coast premiers and grand finalists, battled against Twin Towns and netted their winner against the run of play.

Former Fijian Youth player Raph Underwood poked the ball into the net after a goal-mouth scramble in the first half of the time-on period.

The Southport team contained New Zealand international Paul Halford and striker Paul Cockbain, who toured Fiji with Queensland in May.

The pair were members of the Gold Coast Gamblers, which beat North Star 4-2 in extra-time in the Ampol Cup final.

the park by the coaches was the lack of a uniform surface, although the problem was alleviated last weekend by a low cut of the remaining grass. For the grand final, the field will be almost razed.

After losing 2-1 in extra-time to North Star in the first preliminary final, Coalstars coach Brian Styles claimed the QSF was "cheating" the public.

"If they are expecting teams to play football, then they are cheating everyone who pays \$3 to get in," Styles said.

Olympic coach Juan Cutillas claimed the field contributed towards his team's exit from the final series. "It destroyed us completely," he said.

"Our ball players had no chance, I have never seen a ground in my life this bad and I have coached around the world (a surprising statement considering the state of his own club's ground,

Goodwin Park, which is rated the worst in Brisbane).

"It will spoil the finals series because we will not see skill and games will be won by the luck of the bounce."

North Star Iain Fagan attempted to organise a boycott of the field, but that eventually fell through.

East's John Sime was another critical of the field. "It is diabolical and a disgrace to Queensland Soccer," he said. "I realise it's the same for all teams but it's not fair for anyone."

Surprisingly, Brisbane City captain Noel Greenhalgh spoke out in defence of the QSF and its headquarters.

Greenhalgh claimed a number of grounds in Brisbane "were no Wembleys" and all teams should get on with the game.

"Blaming the field is just an excuse," he said.

TIGERISH DISPLAYS FROM EASTS

EASTERN Suburbs are looming as the form team of the Queensland XXXX League finals.

The Tigers have now won their two sudden-death play-offs and are hoping to at least match Balmain's rugby league effort of going all the way to the grand final. But the bubbling Brisbane Tigers intend to go one further and win the season climax.

East's, who finished fourth in the premiership, accounted for third-placed Coalstars in the knockout semi-final last weekend. The Tigers won 2-1 after downing Olympic United 1-0 in the preceding week's qualifying semi-final.

But the scoreline against Coalstars scarcely reflected East's dominance of the match, and it was two former Wolves who had the Tigers roaring.

Billy McDermott and Wayne Corbett, who were signed from Wynnum this year where they had played together for the previous five seasons, set-up the Easts victory and scored the Tigers' goals.

The first Easts goal was a gem. Andy Ogden made a poor midfield pass to give away possession in the centre circle.

East's Carl Scott collected the ball and sent Corbett on a run in which he breezed past a number of feeble Coalstars challenges.

McDermott made himself available on the edge of the box and played a neat one-two which allowed Corbett to fire his shot in off the near post.

The goal sunk the troubled Coalstars and from then on they were never in the race.

An Easts goal nine minutes after halftime was disallowed for offside but McDermott put the result beyond doubt four minutes later when he collected a pass, again from Scott, and was too good in the finishing department for the Coalstars defence and keeper Kim Wishart.

Coalstars captain Mark Brusasco, who had spent the previous week honeymooning in Sydney, pulled a goal back with a well-taken curled shot in the corner.

Although 13 minutes remained after Brusasco's goal, there was scant urgency for the equaliser and the Tigers ran out deserved winners.

"We were outplayed on the day and the best team won," said Coalstars coach Brian Styles. "They had pace up front and we were slow. We didn't perform when it counted: we just fell in a hole."

There was further disappointment in the dressing room for Coalstars with Styles claiming the side had been abandoned by club officials at the



KIM WISHART

season end, despite their effort in coming from ninth to third.

"The biggest disappointment of the season was that not one beer was produced by the club for the players for the season effort. That turned bitter a sad end to the sea-

son," Styles said.

The scenes in the Easts dressing room were, as expected, ones of jubilation.

But Tigers coach John Sime moved quickly to contain the enthusiasm. Sime told his players the job was far from done and they still had two more Sundays of winning to go.

"It was a monumental task to overcome Coalstars, but we have got to keep our feet on the ground: the job is not done yet," he said.

After Easts' stylish win, Styles tipped the Tigers as a real grand final chance.

"It's the right time of the year to come good and on this performance I certainly wouldn't discount Easts to win the grand final," Styles said.

North Star ready for grand final

NORTH Star gained the chance to atone for their Ampol Cup final loss by advancing directly to the Queensland XXXX League grand final to be played at Perry Park on Sunday, October 9.

The League runners-up swept past premiers Brisbane City 2-0 in the major semi-final at Soccer headquarters last Sunday.

City now must play Easts in the preliminary final this weekend to decide the other grand finalists. The Tigers beat Coalstars 2-1 in the knockout semi-final.

With North Star and City sharing the honours in their previous clashes during the season, the match loomed as an even affair. But the scales tipped heavily in North Star's favor when City lost their Irish striking duo Kieran Cooper and Paddy Dillon, who both have knee injuries.

Without the free-scoring duo, City offered little penetration up front and the North Star defence, marshalled by coach-elect Billy Williamson, had little trouble holding solid.

At the other end of the park, North Star repeatedly caught City on the break and showed up the lack of pace in the premier's defence.

The star of the match turned out to be the youngest player on the field, 18-year-old state youth player Justin Kilshaw.

Kilshaw, a product of the highly-successful North Star juniors, has been a fringe player during the season but assured himself of a place in the grand final team with an exciting display which belied his youth and inexperience.

The youngster set up the first North Star goal just 18 minutes into the match when he cleverly cut inside after a run down the left and squared a pass for team-mate Jim McDonagh, who was lurking on the edge of the penalty box.

The ball bounced favourably for McDonagh, and the Scotsman turned a shot into the City goal.

Kilshaw was to create and finish North Star's second just three minutes later. He became involved in another move down the left and this time with the City defenders waiting for the cross again, he took on the responsibility himself and drove the ball into the far corner of the goal.

The two goals rattled the premiers and from then on they never looked in the hunt. Only some fine blocking saves from keeper Evans stopped North Star from adding to their total in the second half.

For City coach Matt Carson, his attempts to plug the holes left by Cooper and Dillon proved disastrous.

"It was a complete failure," Carson said referring to the experiment to use Roberto Lettieri and Ibro Cahut as the central front-runners.

"It is difficult when you rely on two players to score the goals all season and then suddenly they disappear from the scene."

"We are all aware we have a little bit of a problem in the team and it is up to everyone to work together to fix it."

Perry Park critics

THE Queensland Soccer Federation management committee has dismissed calls to move the XXXX League finals series away from Perry Park.

Soccer headquarters last week was soundly criticised by four leading coaches as being sub-standard and not fit for the code's showcase matches.

Calls were made to switch the finals series to Lions' Richlands Stadium, which is recognised as the top playing surface in Queensland.

Perry Park has been left bumpy and bare as a

result of playing matches during the "big wet" in April.

A \$10,000 re-grassing operation two seasons ago has only proved a partial success, and much of Perry Park is still wire grass with only patchy sections featuring the durable kikuya.

"Probably in the end we will have to have some kind of mass working bee and dig the wire grass out by hand," QSF president Ian Brusasco said.

"But the finals must be at Soccer headquarters — the atmosphere wouldn't be the same anywhere else. We realise there are problems with the park and we will be doing everything possible to get it as good as we can for the grand final."

"We spent a lot of money on the field, but its condition now is a legacy of playing matches during the wet season."

The biggest criticism of

NSW State League prepares for '89

By KEITH GILMOUR

NSW clubs will know the results of the 1988 screening process by the middle of next month.

This year under the Strategic Development Plan, detailed checking of the State League clubs' future prospects has been superimposed on the normal promotion and relegation regimen, in a major replanning of the league's activities.

The idea was to review the standing of the senior division clubs, which are expected to comprise a total of 20 to 28 very stable and ambitious units in 1989.

Three State League divisions are conducted at present, and this is ex-

pected to reduce to two.

Those chosen will need to be semi-professional already, or to have distinct semi-professional ambitions.

There is no doubt that some present State League clubs will find their needs better catered for in either the Inter Urban Leagues or their local district associations.

Most districts have strong Premier Leagues, well capable of handling clubs of some standard but having a modest future potential.

The interviewing process has produced an improved two-way understanding between the NSW directors and the was brought in, forming the Campbelltown City and Districts Soccer Club Ltd.

Lynwood Park was the base this year, but the future of the senior club lies at Bensley Road.

However, Macarthur District Soccer Football Association will have Lynwood Park as its centre, and its ground for the Youth League teams.

The Association has undertaken to give the State League club priority in scheduling of matches when it is at home.

Macarthur is only four years old, and already fields 5500 players. The senior club granted passes to matches for all juniors this year.

Officials see the possibility of doubling the number of players over coming seasons, to make

it one of Australia's biggest district associations.

\$30000 in sponsorship has been arranged for next year, and every effort is being made to increase the amount to \$40000/50000.

Campbelltown City has floodlighting available at Bensley Park, and wishes to play eight games next season on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Seating is to be increased to 1500 by 1990.

Arrangements are in hand to set up a licensed club adjacent to the ground.

\$250,000/300,000 has been committed by the Campbelltown City Council for ground improvements over the next three years.

That will be augmented by a grant from the NSW Sport and Recreation Dept.

But Campbelltown isn't the only club that is setting up a rosy future for itself.

Canterbury Marrickville Olympic is planning to secure an upgrading of Arlington Oval at Dulwich Hill, in conjunction with the Marrickville Municipal Council.

Arlington, well situated and once the Mecca for Soccer people, has not seen worthwhile improvements for many years.

Sutherland Shire has indicated that the local council will be making worthwhile improvements at Seymour Shaw Park, and these have already been improved in principle.

But another interesting question arises, one that could move Sutherland club into a new era.

In some influential circles the Soccer club is seen as gaining from relocation to Endeavour Field, the home of the local rugby league club.

Avala, well situated and well supported, is making a very substantial advance with a State League standard ground.

Moorebank Sports Club, in the Liverpool district, has some worthwhile moves in hand with their ground.

After many years of negotiation, Gladesville Hornsby has the Christie Park development on the

way, in conjunction with Ryde Municipal Council.

This will provide one of the best centres on the north side, extremely well located near the mammoth Macquarie Shopping Centre and the Macquarie University. It should be ready for the opening of next season.

Wollongong Macedonia could be one of the real surprise packets.

Property was acquired some time ago for their use, and talks have commenced over combining resources with other clubs to create a worth-

while ground and centre.

All of this should mean a big move for Soccer in the burgeoning Shellharbour district, south of Wollongong.

Local rival Fairy Meadow has already gained use of the excellent Brandon Park, home of the Wollongong City NSL club.

In the NSW Central West, Orange Waratah is extremely well established, owning its own extensive first-class property and well patronised licensed club house on the perimeter of the city.

The Waratah's progress has spurred on neighbouring city, Bathurst, and they are looking to bigger things at Proctor Park.

These examples represent the drive now being given to improving Soccer at State League level, leading to the likelihood of increasing progress on the years ahead.

And there are many other examples of improvements with other clubs as well, many of which are only now coming to light.

New Indoor League starts

THE NSW Premier Indoor League kicks off Tuesday, September 27 at the Ingleburn Sports Centre in Lancaster Rd, Ingleburn.

The league caters for National League reserve players and National League future stars.

The eight teams are:

1) Warriors reserve grade for the Win TV Warriors, coached by Stephen Peachy.

2) Spartans reserve grade for the Parramatta Spartans, coached by Bernie Duval.

3) Dynamos reserve grade for the Fairfield City Dynamo, coached by Alois Jansek.

4) Tornados reserve grade for the NIB Tornados.

5) Illawarra, a new

young side incorporating some of last year's JHNISL Illawarra Stringers players.

6) Kellyville Kolts, also a new side representing the Hills District. K.K. will be coached by Graham Bradley.

7) Hills Hawks, a new side coached by Stan Pitchard.

8) Fairfield Tornados, coached by Terry Wales. This team has a wealth of young talent and are led by one of the best football tacticians in NSW.

The Premier League games are where new young talented players have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills to the JHNISL talent scouts.

National League coaches are always to be seen at these games, which take on a very exciting atmosphere.

NSW GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Under 19 - Div III: BAULKHAM HILLS 2 (Burns o.g. Vezos) ROOTY HILL-WEST UTD 1 (Cignarella)

Third grade - Div II: KINGSFORD 3 (Palapanis 2, Penfold) CAMPBELLTOWN 1 (Fotheringham)

Under 19 - Div I: BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Maloney) - MELITA EAGLES 0

Second grade - Div II: GLADESVILLE HORNSBY 0 AVALA 0 (4-3 on penalties)

First grade - Div I: MELITA EAGLES 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 0 (7-6 on penalties)

PLAN CREATES PROBLEMS

MEETING stringent NSW Federation requirements has created difficulties for Second Division club, North Sydney-Artamon.

With Artamon Reserve not enclosed, the Lower North Shore outfit had to approach North Sydney Council for use of major rugby league ground, North Sydney Oval.

Club president David Edwards said: "If we don't get North Sydney then we will have to forget about State League Soccer in this important area."

"We are not trying to disadvantage the rugby codes — all we need is the ground for 180 minutes play for home games 13 times a season."

A previous application was refused by council, on the ground that "increased use of the playing area would perhaps cause ground deterioration."

The Soccer club is pressing hard for use of the ground.

A recent survey showed that no less than 22.6 of the under 19 male population of the area plays Soccer.

On top of that there are many more players not listed in the survey, including those appearing in the powerful NSW Churches Football Association.

Further north the Kuring-gai club won't meet ground requirements with much to spare.

Parklands Oval is not outstanding. Both Kuring-gai and Hornsby Councils have policies that amount to not providing grounds for spectator sports.

Gladesville Hornsby, near neighbours of both clubs, is fortunate that Ryde Council takes a broad viewpoint.

It is yet to be proved, but their Christie Park development could yet prove to be the main answer to spectator-oriented Soccer for the entire area.

Rockhampton Round-Up

FRENCHVILLE completed a great season in Rockhampton Soccer when they won both the First and Second Division grand finals.

Altogether Frenchville amassed 10 main trophies from minor and major premierships in all five divisions they contested.

In the top section, Frenchville had previously won the Central Queensland Soccer League and the Wesley Hall Cup.

Their First Division premiership win came with some anxious moments as their opponents Berserker looked the better side for a good part of the game.

But in the last 10 minutes the Greens took control and won through goals by Kyle Smyth and Andrew Keirnowski.

Striker Chris Norton scored twice in the Second Division final for Frenchville to get home 2-1 against Southside United.

Etna Creek Wolves wrote themselves into the record books with a magnificent 2-0 win over minor premier Mt Mor-

gan in the Rockhampton third division Soccer grand final.

Rockhampton under 13 representatives won the open Grand Eastland inter-region carnival at Toowoomba.

Coach Scott Tindall said the touring side showed superior skills and discipline in winning its first five matches to clinch the major trophy, then dropped a result 0-2 to runner-up Toowoomba Blue, when player changes were experimented with.

After defeating Toowoomba White 2-0, Sunshine Coast 3-0 and a tough Gladstone side 2-1, Rockhampton charged home with a 7-0 defeat of Mackay Blue, and 2-1 win over Mackay Red. Andrew Shaw scored a hat-trick, and Will Jensen (2) and Garry Courtice also dominated the Mackay Blue defence, then Jensen and Ben Dyer netted in the tournament clincher.

Grammar's international Soccer tourist Matthew Fairley is Rockhampton's Player of the Year.

A hardy and resource-

ful defender, the 15-year-old Fairley (98 points) toured New Zealand with his school team this season and also made the Rockhampton representative team.

He scored by five points from Bluebirds' Central Queensland representative midfielder Todd de Courcy.

Three major decentralised Soccer coaching camps will take up the off-season slack this year, with Gladstone, Canberra and Mackay the venues.

Regional coaching director Richard Evans will run a Level 2 course at Gladstone next month to accredit coaches in the Port Curtis district.

Sponsored by the National Coaching Scheme, the course runs over three weekends — October 1-2, 8-9, and 29-30.

Evans has been sponsored on an update mission to Canberra from October 12 to 20, where he will take part in the FIFA Youth Academy for practising youth division coaches in Oceania countries.

Mackay will host the next step-up for ambitious regional Soccer coaches on December 10-16.

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wind-affected game, both teams' goals were always in danger as neither side gained ascendancy.

However, Gully missed a golden opportunity when Ringwood's keeper Ric Janssan saved Colin Quigley's penalty-kick in fine style.

Gully struck first early in the game via Kenny Smart, a fine attacking defender, who finished clinically.

Ringwood equalised after half an hour when tall striker Peter Cocker received a cross at the far post to slot home simply from close range.

In the second half, chances fell squarely again, but it always seemed a draw would be the likely result.

Joe O'Donnell for Gully, and Steve Douglas missed good chances, and Ringwood's speedy striker Johnny Nijholt was unable to progress on the goalscorers' tally, the up-right denying him any further glory!

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Farquahson, Grimaud, Cutler, Cannell, Smart, Quigley, Wilson, Milenkovic (Romanovski 70), O'Donnell, Douglas. RINGWOOD: Janssan, Whytehouse, Nolan, Cumming, Verniers, May, Corvan, Hart, Cocker, Nijholt, Lepre.

EDITOR

A USTRALIA has every right to be extremely proud of the achievements of the Socceroos in the Olympic Games football tournament.

And the very same situation surely exists with coach Frank Arok, his players and staff.

As with the 1974 Socceroos and their World Cup efforts in West Germany, the 1988 squad faced up to some of the best national teams in the world.

The 1-0 win over Yugoslavia involved putting copybook plans into place, and then carrying them out.

Holding Brazil proved out of range, but Australia is not the first and won't be the last team to be mesmerised by the world's No1 Soccer magicians.

The 3-0 Brazilian win was more than deserved. However, even at this stage of Australia's Soccer development the national team might well have done better against them on another day.

And next joy came flooding to the mind and heart as that great performer, John Kosmina, forged a magnificent goal from a perfectly-placed David Mitchell pass.

That moved Australia on to meet mighty gold medal hopes, the USSR, going down 3-0 in unfortunate circumstances after earlier staging a tremendous battle.

Next comes the Trans Tasman Cup against New Zealand and World Cup preliminaries.

Despite the fact that Australia is increasing its stature amongst the 166 nations that play the game, there is no doubt that further improvements will be needed on the playing side.

For many years former Australian captain John Warren has been hammering out two vital messages.

The first is to play more games against super-skilful South American teams.

The second is to encourage the playing of indoor Soccer to develop split-second timing.

Both points make more sense than ever.

And not only indoor Soccer should be involved. Competitions should be set up for recreational and skill-type football outdoors on small pitches in the summertime.

Late afternoons are available as well as some weekend play, and for a start all along the East Coast would be a fertile breeding ground to increase playing standards and further improve Australian juniors.

It would be the ideal opponent and extension to rugby league's touch football.

In some states where playing numbers are lagging it would bring a breakthrough against the strength of Australian rules.

The lack of progress in an outdoor small pitch game has probably been caused by a lack of recognition of its possibilities, and the fact that the limited number of indoor courts available are very remunerative to owners and leasies.

The NSW Amateur Federation is one organisation ideally placed to bring this type of football into being, particularly in country areas.

It would be an important step in the 'Brazilisation' of Australian Soccer.

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Alan Clark reviews the Soccer scene in . . . SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide Whispers

DAVID Ouwerkerk, a defender with SA club Campbelltown City, is expected to start training soon with Socceroo David Mitchell's side, Feyenoord, in the Netherlands.

He will fly there after Campbelltown's brief tour of Poland.

The Red Devils, incidentally, lost 2-4 to Legia Warsaw's reserve side and then went down 2-0 to the League team.

CRACK Polish club Legia Warsaw could visit SA next season.

The club is keen to make the trip during its season break in January.

That is a spin-off from SA club Campbelltown City's visit to Poland. Two Legia stars also could stay in SA as guest players.

FORMER Socceroo star Johnny Perin has resigned as coach of Adelaide City's Rothmans League side.

He will be replaced by City stalwart Buggy Nyskohus, who quit as a NSL player at the end of last season.

Perin will look for another coaching position next season with "an ambitious First Division club".

ADELAIDE City could go to Brazil to look for players for next season.

President Charlie Caruso was given contacts in Brazil from Pele when the legendary star visited Australia earlier this year.

ADELAIDE City coach Zoran Matic aims to use a guest player when his side meets an SA Select in next month's Fairmont Homes Cup challenge series at Hindmarsh.

The matches will be played on October 5 and 9.

ANOTHER coach on the outer is Campbelltown's Dave Jenkins.

He has decided to quit after leading the club on its current tour of Poland.

"Apart from not having the time, I no longer have the enthusiasm," he admitted.



Hellas after West End Cup

BY ALAN CLARK

ADELAIDE Hellas goes in to tonight's West End Premier Cup final as overwhelming favourites to beat Salisbury.

The Blues have missed out on an NSL play-off spot, but they are supreme at present in South Australia.

The reached the final

4-1 in extra time after being awarded a controversial late equaliser in normal time against Polonia.

Salisbury edged past Birkalla Eagles, but will be hit by suspension and holiday commitments tonight.

Hellas are in the happy position of choosing just whom to leave out.

Goals have come

thick and fast for them in the second half of the season, and their firepower should see them bring down Salisbury's formidable defence.

The Berries though will be keen to do well in coach Jimmy Campbell's last game in charge.

Enfield City meanwhile are the toast of the Second Division.

Birkalla goes shopping

FORMER Scottish internationals Bobby Ferguson and Jim Muir are keen to get back into coaching in SA next season.

Both had coaching stints at Adelaide City before Ferguson went to Birkalla and Muir, a former Socceroo, joined Hellas.

Ferguson stepped out of Soccer to become fitness coach at Burnside Rugby Union club for the past two seasons.

SA's Golden Oldies team want to take a team to the UK next year. They are planning matches against Brighton.

THE SA team to play in next month's Law Enforcement Olympics in Sydney, received a slight setback to their plans.

They were beaten 1-0 by the SA Army side.

EXTRA-time and penalty shoot-outs may be fine for fans but they give

George McMillan and the Saturday Sports Review program team at radio station SEBI ulcers.

The program goes to air at 5.30pm on Saturdays and if matches run over time the radio team has a frantic dash to get collated scores and details of games together in time.

PIPE Major Des Ross will have the feet tapping at the Adelaide Scotland Soccer Club's annual cabaret on October 1.

He will be guest piper for the night which is a sellout.

Adelaide Scotland will play Croatia in a testimonial match for midfielder Robbie Marwe on October 15. The next day, Adelaide City will meet a select side in a testimonial for Buggy Nyskohus.

BEOGRAD trainer Steve Nikolich has had little to cheer this season with his club being rele-

gated from the First Division.

But the big man had a grin from ear to ear when the under-8 side he coaches from Allenby Gardens School won the McDonald's Cup final in his district.

ALBY KIDD will sit down with Hellas officials next month to talk over his future with the club.

The player-coach's contract expires in November and in negotiating new terms Kidd will decide if he is to continue with the club in his present role or as just a player.

BIRKALLA Eagles have identified their lack of scoring power as a big stumbling block this year and hope to dip into the transfer market to remedy that for next season.

Several top-flight scorers could be the target of a Birks' offer.



MRIUSZ NIEWIADOMSKI — Adelaide Polonia star.

Para's Youth Policy

PARA Hills coach Martyn Crook is keen to sign two quality players to bolster his squad for next season.

But the big man also sees youngsters as the future of the club.

Para Hills, traditionally, has had devastating junior sides but has lost many players later in their career to rival SA clubs.

Crook aims to alter that trend by giving youngsters more opportunities next year.

Australian High Schools goalkeeper Darien Bauer, midfielder Terry McHayle and striker Chris Hyde were called into action for last week's West End Premier Cup-tie against Salisbury.

SA's three Italian-based clubs, Adelaide City, Azzurri and Campbelltown City, will merge to play a team from the visiting Italian missile cruiser Caio Duilio next month.

Former Millwall coach Fabio De Luca, who looks after Adelaide City juniors, will coach the combined side.



ALBY KIDD

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Adamstown's Benchmark Cup

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

NORTHERN NSW premier Adamstown Rosebud took some consolation for its 2-1 grand final defeat by West Wallsend on September 17 with a 4-0 win last Saturday over the North Coast Premier League representative side in the Benchmark Building Supplies Cup final.

Adamstown was slow to settle down in the final — played at the Coffs Harbour Showground — following a six-hour coach trip from Newcastle.

But, after having established a 2-0 lead by half-time, Rosebuds were never in danger from an enthusiastic North Coast team whose players were together as a unit for only the third time.

The Mayor of Coffs Harbour City, Ald Bernie Malouf, was present to meet the two teams and kicked off to start the game.

The manager of Benchmark Building Supplies' Coffs Harbour branch, Mr Keith Rhoades, who presented the inaugural trophy to the Adam-

stown skipper, John McQuarrie, said that he had been pleased with the way the competition had gone in its first year and he expected his company to be its sponsor again in 1989.

North Coast started the game with the advantage of a stiff north-easterly breeze and made some inroads into the Adamstown defence in the first 20 minutes.

Twice in this period Robert Ciscatto crossed accurately from the right to test Steve Dorman in the Adamstown goal.

In the 25th minute, Warren Davies found space on the left and centred for a finishing effort by midfielder Glen Chapman. But the North Coast 'keeper, Terry Craig, did well to

deflect Chapman's volley over the bar.

North Coast had its best chance of the half in the 35th minute when front runner Michael Pearce won the ball in a tackle outside the Rosebud penalty area, but saw his sharply-angled drive from the right hand corner of the box shave the far post.

With that opportunity lost, Adamstown took over and posted three goals within the space of about seven minutes.

In the 40th minute, McQuarrie and Phil Ridley set up roving defender Neil Owens for the first.

Three minutes from half-time, Owens and McQuarrie combined before Ross Wells slammed the ball into the roof of the net from close range.

Then, a couple of minutes after the resumption, fullback Mark Smith received the ball from an indirect free kick and the left-foot specialist scored the goal of the match with a sea-

ring drive into the left-side corner of the net.

David Bock engineered Adamstown's fourth and last goal when he retrieved the ball in midfield and delayed his pass while Ross Wells escaped the close attention of skipper Greg McCoy to score from just outside the goal area.

Rival coaches Neville Power (Adamstown) and Bruno Tomasov (North Coast) made substitutions in the last 25 minutes.



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FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

Leopold Baumgartner at Coffs Harbour

LEOPOLD Baumgartner, one of the stars of Australian football in years gone by, was an interested spectator at the Benchmark Building Supplies Cup final at Coffs Harbour last Saturday.

A post-war favourite with the once-famous Prague club, he also plied his skills with Apia and South Coast United and did some coaching at youth level before moving away from the game he graced after arriving to settle in Australia from Europe.

These days, Leo — quietly spoken and unobtrusive — is living in retirement on a small property not far from Coffs Harbour and seems unlikely to become involved in the game locally.



World Cup will have them flat to the boards

IN three weeks Australia will host the third Indoor Soccer World Cup. The man who laid all the foundations to secure the championships, AISF president Joe Brent has had a devil of a time organising the event and equally Australia will be hard pressed to make an impression in the tournament but the nation's Indoor supremo holds great hopes on both fronts. ASW's FRANK COLETTA caught up with him and quizzed him on a few pertinent matters — here's what transpired...

IT was a long time coming — that's the best way to describe FIFUSA's (Indoor Soccer's world governing body) decision to allow Australia the privilege of hosting the 1988 World Cup.

The previous tournaments had been held in Brazil (1982) and Spain (1984) and on both occasions that champion South American nation has won, defeating the host nation in Madrid last time round.

On this occasion though, all roads lead to the Melbourne Entertainment Centre, where on October 30 the final of the 1988 Indoor World Cup will take place.

Australia's own 'Indoorroos' have a quite unenviable task. They kick off the tournament at Canberra's plush venue, Bruce Stadium, against the highly rated Italians. Also in their group are the fancied Uruguayans... and Hungary to boot. So how does Joe Brent realistically rate the chances of Nick Nickolopoulos' Green and Gold outfit?

JB: I stated early this year that the Australian side should not fear any side in the world, they are that good. Of course the cream of the crop is Brazil and they are one team that it will take quite a monumental effort to overcome but after them there is a fairly large gap and the Europeans, the rest of the South Americans and the Asia/Oceania are all fairly level.

ASW: Then having said that, could there possibly be an Australia-Brazil final?

JB: There is every chance. In all honesty,

we never envisaged either Mexico or Australia making the final of last season's Pacific Cup, yet they did and in style.

ASW: Mexico did so well last year, how did they miss out on a World Cup spot?

JB: Well, let's just say that they got a little cheeky. Mexico was in fact one of the first invited to the World Cup, being such a powerful side and going on the Pacific Cup win, excellent tourists. Once they learned of their position for the World Cup, they began demanding this and that and using

standover tactics. They have only themselves to blame for missing the boat. The Mexicans refused to contribute to their airfares to Australia despite an agreement with FIFUSA that 50% of air travel expenses had to be paid by the participants. As Mexico refused to honour that pledge, they were omitted from the draw.

ASW: How did they react?

JB: Much as we expected. Once they saw how big and prestigious these championships would be they came back all apologetic and put in feverish last ditch appeals for inclusion — and an offer to pay their full fares — but by then the sixteen teams had been decided and it was too late, and so Mexico won't be seen in Australia's 1988 Indoor World Cup, they will learn from that.

ASW: The AISF seems to have become a tough nut to crack then.

JB: You could put it that way, but it's imperative that we are hard when it comes to dealing with other nations and FIFUSA. If you let them they'll try to walk all over you — those days are long gone as far as the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation is concerned.

ASW: Some of this new found toughness was evident when the AISF actually secured the rights to stage the World Cup.

JB: We had some real opposition and it was quite an effort to get the nod of approval from FIFUSA. The USA put in a concerted bid as did various South American nations but we came up trumps because of the careful plan we'd drafted.

ASW: Initially venues such as the Sydney Entertainment Centre and the Homebush State Sports Centre were included in the Indoor World Cup set-up, two Sydney sites but now

there are none, what happened there?

JB: Unfortunately Sydney will miss out. The simple reason was that the NSW government did not come to the party in terms of financial assistance, in fact they point-blank refused to give any monetary support whatsoever. When you consider that their Victorian counterparts allotted us \$50,000 for the World Cup, well therein lies the story.

ASW: Apart from grants from the various State governments, Indoor Associations and Bicentennial Authority support, there has been no announcement regarding a major sponsor —

Sydneysiders, alas, won't be watching exciting indoor action like this in the upcoming Indoor Soccer World Cup.

Pacific Cup action in Canberra last year, Australia take on perennial rivals New Zealand.

are you hiding something?

JB: There's nothing there to hide. I must admit that in all my time involved with potential backers and companies, there hasn't been a more demanding and frustrated position in trying to obtain a major sponsor. We have nothing in that regard at the moment but there are a

couple of potential backers in the wings — if we can secure those then we will be in a far better position.

Put it this way, a major sponsor who would get plenty of mileage out of its dollars especially through SBS-TV's extensive coverage of the World Cup, would also help alleviate a few odds and ends we will have to

meet and make it a much more comfortable ride.

I've spent the last two years undertaking the hardest-ever task. It remains a mystery to me why one commercial or corporate body hasn't come forward with the dollars — this will be one of the biggest events in our Bicentennial year.



PRELIMINARY GROUPS

GROUP A — 1 Australia, 2 Uruguay, 3 Italy, 4 Hungary

GROUP B — 5 Paraguay, 6 Mexico, 7 Canada, 8 England

GROUP C — 9 Spain, 10 Argentina, 11 New Zealand, 12 Costa Rica

GROUP D — 13 Brazil, 14 Czechoslovakia, 15 Japan, 16 U.S.A.

FULL MATCH LIST

Preliminary round in order of games to be played in each group:

GROUP A: Australia v Italy (Opening ceremony and match on Thursday, October 20 at Bruce Stadium, Canberra); Uruguay v Hungary; Australia v Hungary; Uruguay v Italy; Australia v Uruguay; Italy v Hungary.

GROUP B: Paraguay v Canada; Mexico v England; Paraguay v England; Mexico v Canada; Paraguay v Mexico; Canada v England.

GROUP C: Spain v New Zealand; Argentina v Costa Rica; Spain v Costa Rica; Argentina v New Zealand; Argentina v Spain; Costa Rica v New Zealand.

GROUP D: Brazil v Japan; Czechoslovakia v USA; Czechoslovakia v Japan; Brazil v USA; Japan v USA; Brazil v Czechoslovakia.

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Round 2 will consist of the winner and runner-up from each group giving eight quarter-finalists. Two groups of four teams will be formed and they will consist of:

Group One: A1, C1, B2, D2.

Group Two: A2, C2, B1, D1.

Games will be played in the following order:

Group One: A1-B2, C1-D2, A1-D2, C1-B2, A1-C1, B2-D2.

Group Two: A2-B1, C2-D1, A2-D1, C2-B1, A2-C2, B1-D1.

SEMI-FINALS and FINAL

First in Group 1 v Second in Group 2

First in Group 2 v Second in Group 1

Two winners to meet in the FINAL at the Melbourne Entertainment Centre on Sunday, October 30.

VENUES

Melbourne Entertainment Centre, Brandon Park (The Snakepit) Wollongong, The Arena in Geelong, Bruce Stadium Canberra and the Latrobe Valley Sports Centre.

REFEREES

Australia — Anthony Slater, Raymond McClusky, Thomas Boyce. Argentina — Sixto Fernandez. Brazil — Paulo Alfonso Veeck, Jose Carlos Das Dore. Costa Rica — Jorge Cantillano Castro. Czechoslovakia — Mladou Douchas. Paraguay — Angel Peralta. Spain — Manuel Garcia Arista. Uruguay — Hugo Walter Pomies.

World Cup is no sinecure

ORGANISING an international event is never an easy and simple procedure.

The AISF carefully considered the difficulties and unending detailed arrangements it would encounter in the preparation and presentation of a World Cup tournament when it made a commitment to host the Indoor Soccer World Cup.

What the AISF Organising Committee could not, and did not, allow for was the pedan-

tic posturing and the immature games played by some of the Southern Europeans and South Americans.

The Portuguese Federation on September 1 wrote to the AISF and intimated that its team would pull out unless their travel expenses were paid in full.

Anyone who reads ASW will recall that Mexico and Paraguay pulled the same stunt.

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WORLD INDOOR CUP — supported by
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JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE



Belconnen United 5 White Eagles 7

Belconnen United found themselves three goals down in less than six minutes against an enterprising White Eagles side capably led by Filipovic.

The first goal came after only 90 seconds when United's defence was caught square and Filipovic shot past an unsighted Tony Musumeci.

The second goal was scored by Blazic after excellent lead-up work by his skipper, while the third resulted from an interception by Filipovic.

The visitors almost went four-up when Antic, with a diving header, brought out the best of Tony Musumeci.

Brian Watkins, making his debut for Belconnen, reduced the deficit after a strong run down the right, but he was unable to continue after colliding with the goalkeeper.

Poor Belconnen marking at set plays resulted in White Eagles going in with a deserved 5-1 lead at the interval.

Despite repeated attacks, Belconnen continued to be denied by some excellent goalkeeping by White Eagles' Sehic.

The game was virtually sewn up when Filipovic scored.

Sehic was called on to make several good saves from Stirton, Shaw and Murray and the crowd was delirious to be treated to four goals — one from Filipovic, his fourth followed by three Belconnen goals in 80 seconds through Ian Murray (2) and 17-year-old Jason Swan who, like Brian Watkins, was making his JHNISL debut.

BELCONNEN UNITED: Musumeci, Stewart, Shaw, Jadric, Murray, Stirton, Watkins, Swan.

WHITE EAGLES: Sehic, Filipovic, Blazic, Antic, Radovanovic, Krytiar, Maslovaric.

Scorers: Belconnen United: Murray (2), Watkins, Stirton, Swan; White Eagles: Filipovic (4), Vujinovic (2) Blazic.

Best: Belconnen United: Murray, Stirton, Shaw; White Eagles-Filipovic, Antic, Sehic.

**Parramatta Spartans 0
Win TV Warriors 0**

Parramatta and Wollongong set a four-year record in the James Hardie NISL by playing a scoreless draw.

In a game which started with Spartans having control of the ball for most of the first 10 minutes, Spartans set up an attack only to find the Warriors' defense impenetrable.

Warriors then came through on attack only to find the Spartans setting up a brick wall.

With the game being slow and controlled, both teams played cat and mouse with each other, with Saloudis and Thurlow both not having to work hard in goals.

The first half saw Stephen Peachey pick up his first yellow card for the season.

Four minutes before half-time, Robbie Noggler came on for Kenny Wilson as did the Osman Brothers.

The Spartans looked as if they were ready to win this game, with Noggler clapping on the pace.

The second half saw a lift in the tempo with Erkin Osman, Noggler and White putting together some quick moves, but again they were shut down by the Warriors.

At the 27-minute mark, John Doyle came on for Peachey and a minute later, Scott Gilligan picked up a yellow card and he was off with Brett Gilligan coming on.

With Brett Gilligan coming on for the Warriors, their game started to lift but the Spartans didn't give Gilligan the room he needed.

With four minutes to go, Scott Gilligan had his

best chance of the game only to find the ball coming off the post.

Then with two minutes before the whistle, Erkin Osman turned on the best display of the night by coming alone over half-way to get past Doyle to steer a power shot which really brought Thurlow to the boards.

Spartans and Warriors both remain at the top of the points table, with Spartans having a one-goal lead over Warriors.

WARRIORS: Thurlow, Janic, Tour, S. Gilligan, Peachey, Doyle, B. Gilligan.

SPARTANS: Saroudis, Erkin Osman, Ergun Osman, White, Wilson, Noggler.

Best: Warriors — Tour, Peachey, Doyle; Spartans — Ergun Osman, White, Noggler.

Knight outed

STEPHEN Knight, captain of the Sydney NIB Tornadoes last Tuesday faced the league judiciary as a result of charges laid against him in the third round match in Canberra against the Canberra Rockets.

Charged with "foul and abusive language" and "bringing the game into disrepute", Knight was fined \$200 and received a two-week suspension.

Stephen Knight will return in time to play one game with the Tornadoes before going into training with the Australian squad for the World Cup in October.

Youth League

THE great success achieved by the under 13 Youth Indoor League last season has encouraged the NSW Committee to enlarge the age group to include 14 and 15-year-olds in 1988 and it is also planned to further extend representative ages to 16 and junior youth — i.e. under 18 — for 1989.

The junior league will serve as a future breeding ground for the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

The promotion of the junior competition in the representative league ensures that the senior NISL teams will have juniors coming through for the next five years.

The eight clubs which will be fielding teams in the 13-14-15 age groups, are:

Revesby Red Devils, Win TV Warriors, Fairfield Dynamos, NIB Tornadoes, Fairfield Gunners, Kellyville, Cronulla Indoor Sports, Sydney Red Stars.

The Representative Leagues will be played at the ASIF venue at the Ingleburn Sports Centre, 105 Doncaster Rd, Ingleburn, on Saturdays from 11am.

Brisbane Bombers 2 NIB Tornadoes 6

NIB Tornadoes displayed top form with a powerhouse performance.

Jefferies opened the scoring with a sizzling drive into top of the net.

The Bombers fought back to equalise through a delicate chip shot from Frank Cole.

Two minutes before half-time, a mistake by the Bombers' defence left Jefferies with the easy task of giving the Tornadoes a 2-1 lead at half-time.

The Bombers started the second half with a bit more confidence.

Mark Koussas tried a long-range shot and Bombers' keeper Marc Sarri seemed to lose sight of the ball and the Tornadoes led 3-1.

Brisbane slackened for the next 10 minutes while Charlie Akkery and Robbie Stuart added two goals and wrapped up the game for the NIB Tornadoes.

Then Glen Jeffery scored the goal of the game when he powered down the sideline and blasted a shot into the roof of the net.

Cole scored a consolation goal for the Bombers and the final score read 6-2 Tornadoes.

BOMBERS: Sarri, Kowtan, Cole, Hudson, Simpson. Subs — Overbye, Bearman, Dagostino, Burley.

Tornadoes: Carlisle, Stuart, Akkery, Silva, Jeffery. Subs — Koussas, Cowley, Saroudis.

Best: Tornadoes — Jeffery 3, Silva 2, Stuart 1; Brisbane Bombers — Overbye 3, Cole 2, Kowtan 1.



Cameron Syrett, the JHNISL manager, introduces Indoor Soccer World Cup mascot Wally Wombat.

This Week's Games Saturday, October 1

White Eagles v Fairfield City Dynamos
Fairfield Leisure Centre,
Vine Street, Fairfield 7.30pm

Sydney NIB Tornadoes v Belconnen United
Fairfield Leisure Centre 9pm

Brisbane Bombers v Parramatta Spartans
QE2 Stadium
Cnr Kessels & Main Rds,
Nathan, Brisbane 7.30pm

Melbourne Buffalos v Win TV Warriors
Ascot Vale Leisure Centre
cnr Charles & Lane Sts
Ascot Vale 7.30pm

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Parramatta Spartans	4	3	1	0	21	7	7
White Eagles	4	3	0	1	27	20	6
Win TV Warriors	4	3	1	0	20	11	7
Melb Buffalos	4	3	0	1	22	17	6
Sydney NIB Tornadoes	4	2	0	2	18	10	4
Fairfield City Dynamos	5	2	0	3	24	31	4
Belconnen United	5	1	0	4	15	30	2
2CC Canberra City	5	1	0	4	25	32	2
Brisbane Bombers	5	1	0	4	17	28	2



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This Brisbane Bombers player looks the goods as he changes for goal. His team, however, still languishes at the bottom of the standings. Go, Bombers, go!

World Cup

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Crying poor got them nowhere. They were scratched from the series.

When the AISF finalised the draw, Mexico was left out. The penny then dropped and the Mexicans screamed blue murder, offering to pay ALL of their expenses.

For a federation which only two weeks earlier was "broke", it was amazing how they suddenly found not only enough money to pay for half of their expenses, but the full amount for the opportunity to compete!

Australia was adamant the Mexicans should stay on the sidelines but FIFUSA, the international body, di-

sagreed and advised Mexico to stand by as a late replacement for Portugal.

The Australians complied and replaced Portugal with Mexico in the draw.

Yes, you guessed it: now the Portuguese have suddenly come into big money and are offering to pay their full expenses and they are using their embassy in Canberra to press their case for reinstatement.

With four weeks to go who will be next?

A very patient AISF has handled all those major problems but, understandably, it is becoming quite irritated, to say the least, by all those unethical goings-on.



ST PETERS HIGH SCHOOL MAITLAND: Under 15 Turner Cup winners 1988.
BACK ROW: Chris Glover, Tony Lyons, Alex Johnstone, David Workman, Peter Hodgson, Shane Wind, Rick Ryan, Mark Johnson.
FRONT ROW: David Lynch, Matthew Davies, Jason Schofield, Phil Peate (co-coach), Damien Smith (captain) Jim Mate (co-coach) Bovorn Saysouthin, Cameron Dilley, Richard Johnson. Absent: Matthew Linder.

WOMEN

Dolan, Lembryk dropped

NSW made a clean sweep of the Australian National

Cardiff again

Cardiff High School Girls open Soccer team, expertly coached by Mrs Iris Green, once again showed its dominance in the Hunter region by defeating a capable Forster High 4-0 to take out the Rudi Roth Trophy for the second successive year.

As expected, the Cardiff girls took control from the kick-off and there was little doubt that they would eventually take out the trophy.

Even so, the Forster lasses refused to buckle under and their game display was warmly appreciated by the Macquarie Field crowd.

Earlier, Cardiff High had reached the semi-finals of the NSW CHS Commonwealth Bank Shield, losing 3-1 to the eventual winners, Canterbury Girls High, in Sydney.

Forster held Cardiff to only one goal in the first half when Allison

Championship for 1988.

First up, in July the U19 took out the championship in Perth, while the U16 team did likewise in Melbourne.

The just completed senior championship held in Newcastle has been

taken out once more by NSW.

It is interesting to note that all three teams did not lose a game in any of the championships.

The U19 and senior coach was Alan Lytton, and Chris James the U16 coach.

The shock of the senior championship has been the omission from the national team of Kim Lembryk and Julie Dolan.

Kim, the most skilful player in Australia and

Harriss made no mistake from close range.

However, three goals from Leisa Hutt, Belinda Locking and Susan Walton sealed the destiny of the trophy for 1988.

Paula Walker, the Forster captain, worked hard and the back four contained the powerful Cardiff forward line. Goalkeeper Fiona Wilkes did well to help restrict the scoreline.

Cardiff's Kirrin O'Brien was conspicuous and has a bright future. Angela Wahlstedt directed traffic very well in goal to keep the score sheet clear at her end.

Cardiff 4 (Harris, Hutt, Locking, Walton) Forster 0. Referee C. Stanley.

FORSTER HIGH: Fiona Wilkes, Jacki Wallace, Kirsty Moulds, Rebekah Hansen, Gunde Dausmann, Brooke Barry, Suzanne Hinchcliffe, Leonie Bennett, Toni Leon, Rebecca Sharp, Paula Walker, Rochelle Honess, Lesa King.

CARDIFF HIGH: Angela Wahlstedt, Tina Weaver, Kim Wilson, Jayne Long, Tal-Lee Muxlow, Kirrin O'Brien, Lindy Segelov, Susan Walton, Leisa Hutt, Belinda Locking, Allison Harriss, Donna McKinney, Kristy Young, Karen Thomas, Fiana Pickles.

Julie, one of the greatest players Australia has produced, have both been a leading force in women's Soccer in club, state and national teams for years.

Dolan was the leading goal scorer in the NSW WSL in 1988 and Lembryk, who has played probably her best Soccer this year are, to put it mildly, shock omissions from the national squad.

Surely, New Zealand will be very happy to know that they will be playing against an Australian team in the next Oceania Cup in 1989 minus these two great Australian players.

— THERESE DILLON

FIRST GRADE: WINNERS: GIRRAWEE RUNNERS-UP: PUTNEY TOWN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Girraween	13	5	0	51	12	31
Putney Town	10	5	3	46	13	25
Blacktown W	7	6	5	21	19	20
Fairfield OI	7	4	7	31	33	18
Mt Druitt	4	6	8	32	36	14
Manly-Warr	3	4	11	18	49	10
Central C	2	3	12	13	50	7

RES GRADE: WINNERS: PUTNEY TOWN RUNNERS-UP: BLACKTOWN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Putney Town	10	4	1	29	9	24
Blacktown W	8	5	2	13	12	21
Fairfield OI	9	1	5	16	14	19
Girraween	8	3	4	12	11	19
Mt Druitt	1	3	11	9	16	5
Manly-Warr	0	2	13	7	26	2

2ND DIV: WINNERS: EPPING- EASTWOOD RUNNERS-UP: SUTHERLAND

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Epping-East	14	0	1	57	4	28
Sutherland	12	0	3	43	15	24
Pagewood	5	3	7	13	14	13
Gladesville	3	4	8	8	23	10
Fairfield	2	5	8	7	44	9
Uni of NSW	1	4	10	7	34	6

NSW SCHOOLS

Bomaderry edges out Lambton

BOMADERRY Primary School, the South Coast champions, have won the 1988 NSW Primary Schools Soccer State Championship.

Playing in Sydney in

the final of the State-wide Mitre Shield knockout competition which attracted entries from 191 schools, Bomaderry defeated New Lampton Primary from Newcastle 3-1.

Earlier in the day in the semi-final Bomaderry had defeated Bradbury Primary, the Metropolitan South West Champions, to secure their berth in the final.

On their way to their State Title Bomaderry defeated all Shoalhaven contenders, Bega Primary

who were the Far South Coast champions, and then they came up against Lakelands Primary and Mt Warrigal Primary from the Illawarra area.

After winning both these games Bomaderry was declared the South Coast regional champions and were drawn against the Riverina champions, Sturt Primary, whom they defeated 4-0.

In the quarter-final Bomaderry played the Metropolitan West champions Emu Heights and won this encounter 2-0.

a wholly Australian basis, such as Aussie rules, rugby union, rugby league, hockey, cycling, bowls and basketball.

It is significant that basketball was once conducted on an ethnic basis, but has become a major TV sport since it adopted an all-Australian format.

Let's hope club administrators can accept that we are all Australians, which is the only ethnic dimension we need. The players have accepted that years ago.

I believe it is up to the Australian Soccer Federation to get things right across all cultures, which could then bring the main electronic media in.

John V. Mold, St Peters, SA 5069

GETTING TOGETHER

I was very surprised and thrilled over the Bicentennial Gold Cup, and became quite proud of our multi-cultural society.

Also, I note Frank Arok referred to his Socceroo family of different backgrounds, and thought of the different ethnic coaches who are preparing exciting teams.

The problem, however,

Terrific Tottenham (NSW)



Tottenham Central School, Commonwealth Bank — Bill Turner Cup squad.
Back Row: Craig Semler, Chris Doney, Matthew Cook, Damon Horsburgh, Jamie O'Neill, John Lees, Michael Moore, Greg Radford, Ray Myles (coach).
Front Row: Bernard Weber, Paul Vella, Robin Lindsay, David Deeves, Darren Hewett, Brett Semler, Mark Harley.
ABSENT: Matthew McCullough.

BY BILL TURNER

THERE would hardly be a genuine follower of Soccer who has not heard of the famous English club, Tottenham Hotspurs. Their football excellence has thrilled millions around the globe.

But this time we turn to the almost unknown Tottenham, out in the far west of NSW.

Located over 500km west of Sydney and over 160 km west of Dubbo, the town boasts a Central

School of 58 pupils, 29 boys and 29 girls.

Invited to enter the 1988 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup by Alan Groth, the Far West co-ordinator, teacher-coach Ray Myles worked hard with his boys.

They downsized the 300-pupil Warren High 2-1 and the 500-pupil Nyngan High 2-1 in extra-time in the first two rounds.

They were drawn at home against the powerful St Johns College, Dubbo (800 pupils) in the Far West quarter-finals.

Principal Dennis

O'Neill and Ray Myles were as excited as the boys and they made sure that everybody within a loud "Coo-ee" of Tottenham knew all about it.

That St Johns College ended the fairytale run for the gallant Tottenham boys is now secure in the record books as a pure statistic.

However, no-one at the ground will forget that roar when 13-year-old Brett Semler took on the whole St John's defence to score a brilliant individual goal.

Scott Field, Paul Hodges.

Coach: Mrs Lyn Want. Principal: Mr Perc Hilliar.

JUNIOR CLUBS, SCHOOLS

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I was advised that they are 'still considering' whether or not the financial outlay required to purchase the programme is worthwhile.

I would urge all readers who feel that they should have a say in how 'Aunty' spends THEIR eight cents per day, to contact the ABC Television Sports department on (02) 437 8009, and register their opinion.

Dave Eliam, 5/8 Ocean Rd, Manly 2095

The ABC is still negotiating a deal to screen English league matches despite missing the early rounds of the new season.

The reason why there's been no English football to date is because independent television has gained exclusive rights to league coverage and the BBC the FA Cup.

The bidding between the two has come close to splitting English clubs.

For the first time, the ABC is not dealing with the BBC but with a new consortium for English Soccer rights.

The prohibitive asking price has been the stumbling block, but the ABC is hopeful of clinching a deal within a fortnight. — Ed.

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DEFINITION

I refer to Nicholas Economou's letter in ASW 31.8.88, where he states that in his opinion, the "ethnic dimension" will not go away, and later bemoans "the amazing bigotry extended to Australian Soccer by the mainstream electronic media".

Surely, he has pointed out both cause and effect.

By definition, the ethnic dimension, which alienates Soccer to the wider Australian spectator public, will in turn cause the mainstream electronic media to feature sports which are conducted on

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NORTHERN NSW COUNTRY SQUAD UNDER 11

Back Row L to R: Bob Gailer (Coach), Bryan Keever, Nathan Anson, Mark Hambly, Simon Nipperess (Capt), Martin Sommerville (V.Capt), Aaron Prior, Nathan Elder, Percy Fittock (Manager). Front: Ben Allison, Matthew Cummins, Anthony Alvos, Adam Fittock, Craig Hinterholz, Scott Hogan, Rodney Bowles.

NNSW COUNTRY SQUAD PREPARE

TEAMS from the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation are preparing in earnest for their first confrontation in the world of State Championships.

No country side from these parts has been there before, and the area has only been allowed one team.

All Northern teams have had a fairly rigorous training schedule, with coaches and managers in all age groups extending their charges.

There was a late start in the North due to wet weather, causing delay in selection of local representative teams, and so leaving the regional teams late also.

Besides the ball skills tried and proven by every coach, trial games were held thanks to districts such as Brunswick Valley and Casino, whose assistance was greatly appreciated.

Coaches and players alike are looking forward to this their first encounter with the various NSW regions that will be represented, and take this opportunity to wish each and every region the best of luck for what lies ahead.



NORTHERN NSW COUNTRY SQUAD UNDER 13

Back Row L to R: Garry Channon, Greg Michailides, Tony McLean, Duncan Scott, Greg Northfield (Manager). Middle: Ian Morhaus (Coach), Brad Marchant, David Fisher, Nathan Gailer, Sam Tancred, Jamie Kennedy. Front: David Wilson, Bradley Northfield, Brian Hughes, Raymond Ford, Bruce Morhaus, Trevor Brown, Matthew Bastian. Absent: Anthony Ireland.



YUGAL UNDER 13 — NSW Youth League

U13 & 14 National Championships

THE under 14 Bicentennial National Championships kicked off on Saturday at Bates Drive in tremendous style with a cavalcade of colour, as the nine competing States and territories paraded before a large crowd.

Queensland opened the scoring in the first game with a good goal to put them into a shock lead against the strong NSW outfit. NSW managed to pull one back right on half-time to go in 1-1.

The local lads went right on with the job in the second half scoring twice more for a 3-1 victory.

Northern NSW opened their account with a convincing 9-1 win over the Northern Territory.

Western Australia scored early in their match against South and ran out eventual winners 2-0 in a fairly even match while Victoria struggled to win against a very determined outfit from Tasmania.

The U13 opening ceremony at Marconi Stadium was also a blaze of colour as John Hedison, President of the NSWASF, welcomed the players and wished them well for the week ahead.

In so doing he stressed the importance not of winning, but of learning and improving their own abilities.

Tony Labbozzetta, president of the Marconi Club, also welcomed the players and officials before the series were officially opened by the Mayor of Fairfield.

NSW lined up against WA in the opening

match and the local lads became the first team to score when in the 14th minute Dom Usalj found the back of the net with a crashing drive from the left.

Western fought back well and in the 18th minute, NSW keeper Jason Tigani was forced to bring off a miraculous save from their shot.

While NSW continued to dominate possession, it was WA who were having all the opportunities at the other end.

With only three minutes remaining, Darren Locca was fouled outside the area and he exacted revenge in the most perfect manner by curling his free kick around the wall and into the net to put NSW into a 2-0 lead.

Game Two saw Northern NSW playing Northern Territory, and the Territory gave away the first opportunity ear-

ly in the match when they fouled in the area but NNSW could not convert.

NT failed to clear the ball from a low cross which hit the upright, and Scott Dunshea was Johnny-on-the-spot to place the ball into an open goal for NNSW to lead 1-0.

With the game in injury time, Northern NSW managed to put together an excellent move on the right which saw the ball crossed for Michael Williams to head home and complete a 2-0 win for the NNSW lads.

Queensland opened their account with a penalty in the 11th minute in their clash with Tasmania and added a second with five till half-time when Lorenzo Inunciaga found the net from an acute angle.

— IAN MARRIOTT

Special Under 13 course

BY IAN MARRIOTT

SIXTY U13-year-old players have been selected to attend the Rothmans Foundation Sports week held from September 26/30 at the State Sports Centre, Homebush.

Each player is considered to be on the edge of selection into the State team and will have the opportunity to learn from experienced coaches including Eric Worthington (National Director of Coaching), Alan Vest (NSW Director of Coaching), Arno Bertogna (Apia Leichardt captain), and Willie Wallace, the ex-Scottish international.

Eligibility for selection was limited to those who were involved in State U13 trials. However, due to the large number of players, final selections were made at random and hence some may have missed out.

The NSWASF has indicated that a list of reserves has been made, and these players will take the place of any

who are unable to attend.

Congratulations to the following players:

Giorgio Manuli, Nick Boliantides, Tony Gdric, Daniel Fix, Tony Grosman, David Ker, Tony Papageorgiou, Jimmy Nikas, Daniel Totaro, Anthony Pittas, Jason Mathers, Glen McGavigan, Joe Breie, Jose Mendes, Cameron Groll, Trent Parker, Trent Dawes, Jamie Valle, Damien Foxe, Adam Fairley, Mark Clugston, Allan Goledge, Luke McGuire, Carradu Gussu, Brian Ostrowski, Stewart Wright, Tony Sekulic, Tony Iuandic, Nicholas Cal, Oliva Antony, Mario Leone, Con Georgaris, Marko Rudan, Mark Sicari, Stephen Scotti, Darren Rollison, Chris Zavordinos, Andrew Clark, Brett Wood, Robert Randall, Craig Moore, Mathew Maric, Karl Freeman, Duncan Scott, Nathan Green, Scott Robertson, Todd Johnson, Kien Chau, Darren Isman, Simon Fedele, Mathew Highway, Andrew Polley, Michael Jeffrey, Peter Jukic, Marenko Vrlc, Mathew Whitelaw, Mark Mestorovic, Damien McGuire, Mario Dimovski.

Macarthur Districts Football Association and Campbelltown City have amalgamated to form one club.

This effectively means that there will only be one Youth League and

one Federation club within the area covered by the Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Councils.

The Youth League section will be run by Macarthur Association and the Federation club will have access at any time to approach the youth players.

Neither party has made a financial commitment at this stage. However, they will both be seen wearing each other's logo as well as their own.

At this stage, it is likely that the Association will be moving to Lynwood Park.

This year, the Sydney branch of NSWASF formed a Youth League restructuring committee, which has come up with a number of proposals regarding the future format.

The proposals were then considered by the Sydney branch management committee, who have made recommendations to member associations and which will be voted on at the upcoming AGM.

It has been recommended that all grounds must be fully enclosed,

with the playing field fenced, an adequate surface and no covered cricket pitches to be allowed.

The nominated home ground should be in close proximity to the senior club ground and must be available for two change rooms and canteen facilities.

The committee recommends that in order to enable early publicity of results they should be phoned through by 6pm instead of the present 7pm.

In an attempt to lessen the number of games being played, it is recommended that the Youth League be reduced to two groups of 12 teams for 1989, and that a further reduction take place to enable either two 10-team competitions or three with eight teams.

It is unlikely that there will be any change to the age group format, as the proposal to drop U13s back to Metropolitan representatives and reintroduce U16s has not been recommended.

One important suggestion is that Federation clubs could receive a vote on youth league matters.

NSW Champion of Champion results

UNDER 9: St George 1 Southern NSW 4, Granville 8 Riverina 0, South & East, Nepean.

UNDER 10: Manly 1 Northern NSW 0, Illawarra 3 Western NSW 1, Banksown 8 Southern NSW 1, Sthn Dist v Riverina to be played Sun 9th October Rawlings Pk 3pm.

UNDER 11: Sutherland 5 Western NSW 1, St George 3 Southern NSW 2, Granville 2 Riverina 1, Manly bye.

UNDER 12: Sthn & East 1 Macarthur 2, Sutherland 5 Western NSW 0, St George 9 Southern NSW 1, Sthn Dist 3 Riverina 0.

UNDER 13: Sthn East 5 Northern NSW 2, Sutherland 2 Western NSW 1, Bankstown 3 Southern NSW 2, Granville bye.

UNDER 14: Illawarra 8 Western NSW 0, St George 1 Southern NSW 3, Sthn Dist 5 Riverina 0, Sthn East bye.

UNDER 15: Sthn & East 2g8p Northern NSW 2g5p, Sutherland 1 Western NSW 0, Bankstown

Southern NSW 1, Blacktown 2 Riverina 1.

UNDER 16: Sthn East 3 Northern NSW 0, Canterbury 0 Western NSW 2, St George 2 Southern NSW 0, Blacktown 5 Riverina 0.

UNDER 17: St George 1 Southern NSW 0, Granville 1 Riverina 2, Ku-ring-gai, Sutherland byes.

UNDER 18: Manly 1 Northern NSW 2, Nepean 3g4p, Western NSW 3g5p, Bankstown v Granville byes.

UNDER 21: Sutherland 6 Western NSW 3, Bankstown, Gladesville, Ku-ring-gai byes.

ALL AGE: Sutherland 5 Western NSW 0, St George 3 Southern NSW 2, Gladesville wof v Riverina Manly bye.

ALL AGE: Bankstown 3 Sutherland 0, Blacktown 0 Sthn Districts 3, Nepean 2 Manly 3, Canterbury v St George wof.

UNDER 15: Bankstown 3

Sutherland 0, Blacktown 1 Sthn Districts 0, Manly bye.

UNDER 17: Bankstown 1 Sutherland 0, Blacktown 0 Sthn

Districts 3, Nepean bye.

ALL AGE: Bankstown 2 Canterbury 1, Mitchell 1 Sthn Districts 3, Shoalhaven 3 Manly 1.



World Wide

- ★ Kazimir Kalinowski, Jan Tomaszewski's deputy in goal in the early 1970s, has joined compatriot Grzegorz Lato at the North York Rockets, a club in the Canadian semi-professional league.
- ★ Two Czech players have defected to West Germany. Lubos Kubic and Ivo Knoflicek sought political asylum while their team, Slavia Prague, was in Nuremberg. Knoflicek's decision to flee is hard to fathom as he was all set to be officially transferred to England's Derby County.
- ★ Galatasaray, Turkey's best-supported club, was given a million-dollar grant by the Government. Not surprising when one considers that the Turkish Prime Minister, Turgut Ozal, is the Istanbul team's No.1 fan. Galatasaray is coached by former West German national team coach Jupp Derwall.
- ★ The Soviet Union won the European Junior (Under 18) Championship for the fourth time when they accounted for Portugal, 3-1 after extra-time, in the final at Frydek-Mistek, Czechoslovakia. East Germany defeated Spain 2-0 to clinch the bronze.
- ★ IAN SNODIN will remain with Everton despite big money approaches from rival Mersysiders Liverpool and the Sheffield Wednesday club.
- ★ The success of Raja Casablanca in the Moroccan championship could well give their Portuguese manager Fernando Cabrita the national team posting in place of Jose Faria.

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Olympic's U/17 Victory

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's ace Under 17 side scored the fabulous double this season by taking out the Grand Final as well as the minor premiership.

The young Olympians finished on top of their competition, ahead of ri-

vals Sydney Croatia.

In the Grand Final played at the St George Stadium, despite Olympic falling a goal behind early in the match, they battled back to level at halftime.

The second half was an exciting affair as both sides exploded into unyielding action.

With less than 10 minutes left on the clock, Olympic's dynamic little George Papageorgiou

latched onto the ball to bust into the clear.

Showing unorthodox composure for his age, little George with geometric precision steadied himself to chip Sydney Croatia's goalkeeper to nail the winner and give Sydney Olympic the magic 'Double'.

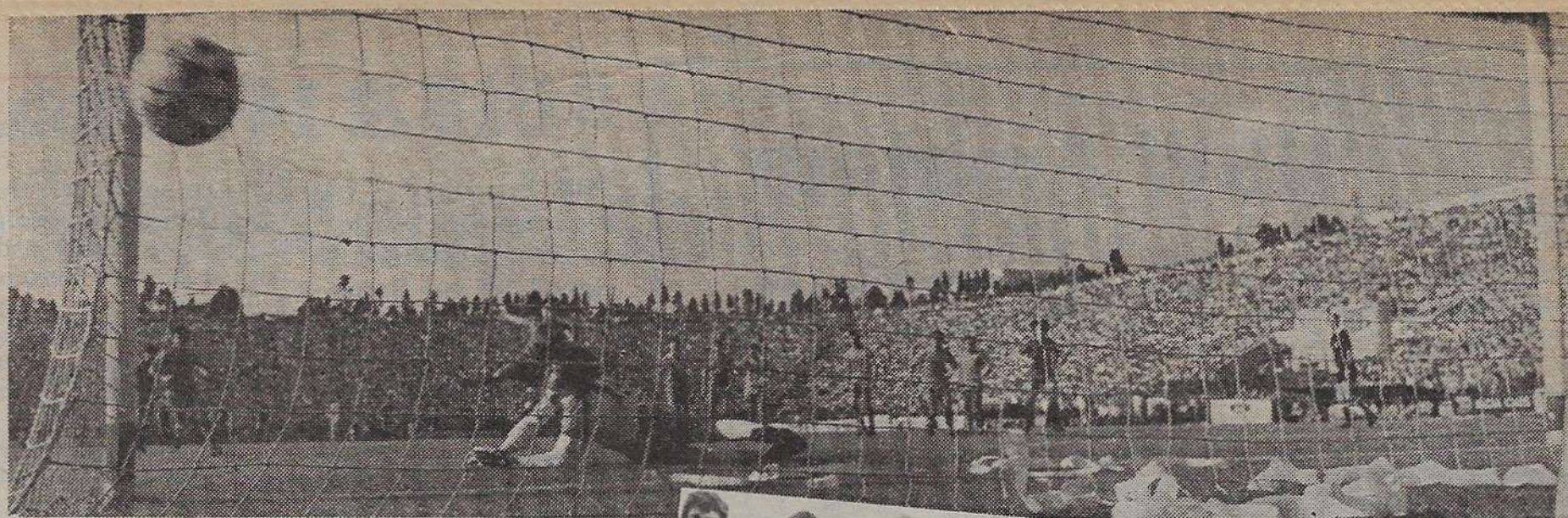
Australia's International Under 16s coach, Vic Dalglish, presented the respective trophies and medals to the players.



STAN GABRIELE and TOM Papageorgiou with a group of excited Sydney Olympic players, celebrating after their 2-1 Grand Final victory over rivals Sydney Croatia at the St George Stadium.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC Under 17: Rear (l to r): T. Papageorgiou (team manager), D. Lemos, R. Galloway, F. Serratore, G. Georgouloupoulos, C. Exharos, H. Begbie, A. Walsh, G. Foundas, Bob Williams (trainer), J. Petrides, M. Refenes, Stan Gabriele (coach). Front: A. Skoumbas (mascot), G. Papageorgiou, F. Serratore, P. Panopoulos, B. Bakatzis, A. Aroujo, J. Vickery, P. Fragakis, C. Eliades.



Above: Steaua Bucharest's star Gheorghe Hagi cracks a penalty home against derby rivals Dinamo during a 3-3 draw in the Chencea Stadium. Right: Steaua — the team.

★ **PETR RADA**, captain of Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) has been signed by West German Second Division club Fortuna Dusseldorf.

Patikas' bonus

FORMER Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic star **JIM PATIKAS** collected a cool \$10,000 bonus following AEK's 1-0 win over Panathiniakos at the weekend.

What a magnificent reward for this great Australia striker!

IT'S A FACT! — Part Nine

Compiled by Jeff Petersen

★ that the late Sir Stanley Rous, a former FIFA President, refereed the 1934 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley when Manchester City beat Portsmouth 2-1.

★ that former England striker, Peter Withe, who made his debut against Brazil in 1981, once 'officialled' at internationals — as a programme seller. He sold match day magazines during the World Cup campaign in England in 1966!

★ that former Republic of Ireland manager, Johnny Giles, played 381 League games for Leeds United, scoring 83 goals.

★ that the first game under floodlights in the Football League was between Portsmouth and Newcastle United at Fratton Park on February 22nd 1956.

★ that in season 1950/51 Preston North End won 14 Football League matches in a row!

★ that Ipswich Town's F.A. Cup win in 1978 made them the 40th different team to take the trophy.

★ that Ireland's first international was against England at Bloomfield, Belfast, in 1882. England won 13-0!

★ that the first Wembley F.A. Cup Final in which extra-time was needed was in 1938, when Preston North End beat Huddersfield Town 1-0 with a penalty in the last half minute of that extra half hour!

Eerie Silence

PUSAN — The Australia-USSR quarter-final was played in this sprawling southern city of four million residents, where United Nations forces, including the Australian contingent, held on during the worst moments of what is called here the "civil war of 1950-53".

The stadium is on the side of one of the rugged mountains that ring the city and slope toward the sea.

On Sunday, when the teams were introduced, the silence was almost eerie.

There was no moats, no barbed wire to keep fans from the field. There was, again, a very disappointing crowd. Despite the foul weather, 10,000 for an Olympic quarter-final is a disgrace.

These Games, in all sports, are just not drawing the crowds, prompting an American journalist to quip: "The Koreans staged a huge party and no-one came..."

The Aussies stayed in Pusan overnight, after the 430km flight south.

★★★

BLACKTOWN's diminutive midfielder ace **PAUL KAY** comes up from Dapto to play at the Gabbie. He and wife Helen have built their home at this popular centre, just south of Wollongong.

Brazil denied

SEOUL — A big row has erupted between Portugal and its "mother country", Brazil, over the absence of two key Brazilian players at the Olympics.

Crack Lisbon club Benfica, despite frantic pleas by Brazilian politicians, all the way up to their president, refused to release new signings Ricardo and Valdo.

Ricardo, whose captaincy held the Brazilians together in defence and Valdo, a vivacious cog in midfield, joined Benfica a week after Brazil won the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

Nice one, Benfica. Some way to treat a major trading partner and the leading supplier of players to your league teams.

— PHIL MARTIN

YOUNG Paul Okon, the outstanding Marconi Youth team midfielder turned sweeper, is currently trialling in Italy. He is the son of former NSW State League defender Klaus Okon.

He is with the Prato club, who once had Roberto Vieri and Paolo Rossi on their books.

Assuming he returns after his three months trial, he should be an automatic selection in the next Young Socceroos team, as he will still be under age in 1991.

Steaua Stars

Steaua Bucharest of Romania hold a quite enviable position in that nation.

The 1986 European Cup Winners are current champions of Romania and have been on 13 occasions.

The club was founded on June 7, 1947 and collected the Euro Cup when they defeated Barcelona 3-0 on penalties in a most forgettable final.

Steaua were also 1987 European Super-Cup winners.

The club's 1987-88 record reads: 34 games, 30 wins and 4 draws — thus taking them to a Championship and Cup double.

Piturca topped the scorers' list with 34 goals.

On the ball in SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

★ South American champion, Penarol of Uruguay, only managed a draw at home against San Lorenzo de Almagro of Argentina, in the first game for the third round of the Libertadores Cup.

The match, played at the Centenario Stadium in front of a crowd of 35,000, ended 0-0. Penarol dominated the full 90 minutes but was unable to break the strong Argentine defence.

★★★

★ While Penarol didn't do very well at home, Nacional of Uruguay obtained a very important 1-1 draw against Newell's Old Boys at Rosario Stadium, home ground of the Argentine champion. Nacional opened the score in the 21st minute, when striker De Lima connected with a header from a perfect cross from midfielder Yubert Lemos.

Newell's midfielder Pautasso converted the equaliser, also with a header, six minutes from the end. The Uruguayan outfit looked very impressive and have a great chance of winning the next game at home.

★★★

★ South American runner-up, America de Cali, of Colombia, drew 1-1 in its away match against Bolivian Oriente Petrolero.

America's Argentinian striker, Ricardo Gareca, put the Colombians ahead after 25 minutes. The equalizer came through a penalty, well executed by Celio Alvez.

For the second leg of the third round of the Libertadores Cup, this week, America plays Oriente Petrolero in Cali, Nacional will face Newell's Old Boys in Montevideo, while Penarol will travel to Buenos Aires to improve its performance against San Lorenzo.

★★★

★ Last week's Argentinian derby between Boca Juniors and River Plate ended 2-0 in favour of Boca.

Two goals in the last 12 minutes-scored by Perazzo and Graciani after 78 and 88 minutes-gave Boca Juniors the victory on the field of their rivals in Nunez.

But over 70,000 spectators saw a boring match with only these 12 minutes, when the goals were scored, offering some excitement.

Leader of the competition is Argentinos Juniors, Diego Maradona's first club.

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